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TUC and CBI urged to combat inflation

By Robin Oakley, Kevin Eason and Colin Narbrough

Mr John Major issued a interest rates down. The way that the prime audience for stern warning yesterday to the TUC and the CBI that wage increases above the level of productivity would lead to increased unemployment, higher inflation and a lengthy period of continued high interest rates.

Crucial pay negotiations at Ford were continuing as the Chancellor of the Exchequer told the National Economic Development Council that higher productivity was the only valid reason for big pay

He said of Britain's businesses: "If, over a period, they pay wage increases above the rate of productivity, they will fuel inflation and they are

likely to cost jobs." Mr Major told both sides of industry, who complained of high interest rates and warned him of the dangers of recession: "Everyone wants to get

INSIDE

No spoils to the victors

 Maricica Puica and Ivan Patzaikin were international recognition brought them no relief from the rigours of life in their home country of Romania, On page 38 we conclude our series on sport under the

Ceausescu dynasty with a look at how fame meant little fortune for some of the great athletes of the past 20

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 Three people shared yesterday's Portfolio Platinum prize of £2,000 (see page 3). Today's chance to win £2,000 appears on: page 29

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to get interest rates down is to any sermons about wage reget inflation down." But Ford, Britain's biggest car company whose pay deals act as a benchmark, was on the brink of giving in to union pressure last night by offering an inflation-busting double-

Ambulance dispute. CBI anger ..

figure pay rise to its 32,000 manual workers. Mr Major will go into retreat at Chevening this

weekend with his Treasury colleagues and civil servants begin considering this year's Budget with escalating pay claims the Government's that interest rates would have biggest economic worry.

Downing Street is insisting that it will be management and workers who will be to blame for the lost jobs if inflationary wage claims are

Ministers are warning all and sundry that wage increases not matched productivity increases will inevitably mean British firms losing business to worldwide competitors and an early end to the 40 consecutive months in which unemployment in

Britain has decreased. pay claims.

Both sides at Ford were prepared to talk on last night to try to avert a strike that could damage its position as Britain's market leader. It was becoming clear Ford would be forced to offer rises of 10 per

cent or more. That would smash through the current inflation rate of 7.7per cent and dismay ministers who have set a priority of containing wage rises as part of the attack on inflation.

Mr John Banham, the director-general of the Confederaof British Industry, blamed the Government for the "headline rate" of inflation which was leading to the increase in wage demands.

Rising electricity prices and the £2 billion added to industry's bills from the uniform business rate being introduced in April would increase in-

Mr Banham added: "These are own-goals. I think the transform the economy have Chancellor knows very well left it on the edge of recession.

Mr Major, asked if his strategy was being wrecked by wage settlements running well above the level of inflation, said: "The point about very high pay settlements is not whether they are plus or minus the current level of the Retail Price Index. That really ought to be irrelevant. The point is whether firms can afford the pay increases because of increased

productivity. He said inflation appears to have stabilized but made clear to stay high until inflation was

on a steady downward path.

At the NEDC meeting, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, urged Mr Major not to hesitate to raise interest rates again, if weakness in the exchange rate of the pound jeapordized the Government's counter-inflationary policy.

City economists believe Mr Major is reluctant to raise interest rates, for fear of pushing the economy into

The Chancellor's message Ministers are taking the to the meeting was that he political risk of fighting the does not expect the economy ambulance pay dispute so to fall into recession this year. deal will trigger a rush of other in curbing demand, but the economy would continue to show growth.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton said Britain would not have to wait for domestic inflation to drop as low as in other European Comunity countries before making the pound a full participant in the European Monetary System.

In a general assessment of the economy, Mr Major noted that business investment has risen sharply over the last few years, but added that the increase is still lower than the average for Group of Seven leading industrial economies. In its budget submission to the NEDC, the Trades Union Congress calls for a big increase in child benefit, lower tax relief on mortgages and private health insurance and a

large rise in the duty on cigarettes and alcohol. It also calls for moves to lower interest rates, saying that government policies to

Hurd survives revolt on Hong Kong immigration

By Our Political Staff

Secretary, faced less criticism package is too small. than expected yesterday when he sought to head off a Conservative backbench revolt over proposals to give 50,000 Hong Kong heads of households the right to live in Britain.

He told the Conservative backbench foreign affairs committee that the scheme struck a "fair balance" between Britain's duty to Hong Kong and the need to control immigration. Mr Hurd leaves sit. This will further disaptomorrow for Hong Kong, point Hong Kong legislators.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Foreign where legislators claim the

Mr Hurd disclosed yesterday that more Vietnamese refugees are to be sent home. He also reaffirmed that greater Full reports.

Parliament ... democracy would be introduced in Hong Kong elections in 1991 and 1995. But he will not

announce proposals on his vi-

his superiors.

Hostile crowd awaits Gorbachov



Moscow hints at a compromise as Lithuania demands freedom

By Nick Worrall in Vilnius, and Mary Dejevsky

Thousands of Lithuanians. shouting and singing their desire for independence, joined a demonstration in the centre of Vilnius yesterday amid signs that Moscow was trying to find at least a temporary solution to the conflict between the Soviet and Lithuanian Communist Party organizations.

Vadim Medvedev, the Kremlin's ideology chief who is leading a 40-strong delegation on a fact-finding mission around the republic, hinted that Moscow might be on the point of conceding many of the Lithuanian party's demands. He suggested that it might be the central party organization rather than the Lithuanian party that would be required to make the greater concessions.

"The party as a whole can benefit from greater decen-tralization," Mr Medvedev said. A Central Committee Mr Gorbachov and Lithuaplenum planned to be held in Moscow at the end of January, he said, "would mean greater. freedoms for local party organizations".

Tass quoted Mr Medvedev as saying: "The platform must be prepared for a number of The previous evening Mr tially for the independence of Communist parties in the republics, of party organizations and of the role of each party

It was not clear, however, whether he was envisaging the possibility of individual, independent party organizations, or whether he meant only that relations between the centre and the republiclevel parties would be looser in future. For the Lithuanian Communist Party, the difference would be crucial.

Mr Medvedev's remarks followed a meeting between

nian Communist leaders in Moscow last week, at which the Soviet leader was reported. for the first time to have been sympathetic to the Lithuanian point of view.

Comecon embrace.

Yesterday's demonstration in Vilnius was organized by radical transformations in the the Lithuanian popular front

> Parliament... Forlorn hope. organization Sajudis to co-

incide with the first day of President Gorbachov's visit to the republic. Although the start of the Soviet leader's visit was postponed by a day, the demonstration went ahead as a warm-up for the massive demonstration planned by Sajudis to greet Mr Gorbachov when he arrives in Lithuania today.

Speeches calling for in-

dependence and secession from the Soviet Union and banners emblazoned with slogans like "Gorbachov go home - with Red Army" gave a foretaste of what the Soviet leader can expect.

Groups from Estonia, Lat-via, Belorussia and the Ukraine had driven to Vilnius flags in support of Lithuania's bid for independence.

Mr Gorbachov's itinerary has not yet been released. It is believed that he will fly from Moscow direct to a military airport outside Vilnius and first visit one of the republic's smaller towns first. He may not arrive in the capital until

Professor Vytautas Landsbergis, the leader of Sajudis, said: "For us Mr Gorbachov is visiting as head of a neighbouring foreign state. It is a state with which we do not wish to have bad relations."

Martial law ends in Peking

Chinese authorities declared an end to seven months of martial law in Peking yesterday, soon after Sir David Wilson, the Governor of Hong Kong, arrived in the Chinese capital on a confidence-building mission.

The lifting of martial law indicates that the situation in the capital and the whole country has become stable." Mr Li Peng, the Chinese Premier said.

"A great victory has been won in checking the turmoil and quelling the counterrevolutionary rebellion," he said, referring to the prodemocracy movement that prompted the declaration of martial law on May 20.

The announcement well timed to set an upbeat tone for Sir David's talks with senior Chinese leaders during Continued on page 20, col 4

Catholic order expels Ryan



Patrick Ryan (above), Irish priest wanted in Britain on charges of conspiracy to murder and possession of explosives, was expelled yesterday from his Order,

Pallottine Fathers, for defying He can no longer offer Mass, preach or administer sacraments. He is understood to have last worked for the Pallottines, the Society of the

Catholic Apostolate, in 1973.

Customs drugs haul is up 39%

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

Customs drug seizures rose 39 about abuse of the drug. per cent last year to a record street value of £259 million amid evidence that traffickers are increasingly using Euro-

pean Community countries as transit routes to avoid tough controls on entry into Britain. New Customs seizure figures for 1989 announced yesterday show that 40 per cent of all drugs seized last year came from other EC countries, and that the European smuggling phenomenon now includes a growing use of day trippers to bring drugs across the Channel through ports like Dover.

Overall the 1989 seizures offer little hope for the Government of a respite in the fight to halt drug abuse. Cocaine seizures rose by 49 per cent to 935lb, while heroin seizures went up by 43 per cent to 730lb, which is equivalent to 11 million doses and for some months, after figures Fall report, page 2 must prompt fresh anxiety

Heroin seizures have also started to rise in the United States, but this has been attributed to the peaking of cocaine use. There are no signs in Britain that cocaine use has peaked

Despite the increasing seizures of the narcotic drugs, the purity and street price of both

Leading article..

cocaine and heroin remain stable in Britain.

Cannabis seizures rose by 15 per cent, from 44 tonnes in 1988 to 50 tonnes last year, 50 per cent of it coming in through EC countries, and amphetamine sulphate seizures rose by 13 per cent, from 281/21b to 481/21b.

The full national picture of seizures will not be complete

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MPs split over admission charges to museums done before in this committee. On this



By Simon Tait Arts Correspondent

A Commons select committee has been split over admission charges for national

museums and galleries. The select committee on education, science and the arts published yesterday a delayed report, Should Museums Charge? Some Case Studies, which recommends "that all national museums and galleries should consider introducing compulsory admission charges". It is, however, no more than a

majority report. Labour members of the committee have taken the unprecedented step of tabling a minority report rejecting the proposition of charges. Mr Martin Flannery, MP for Sheffield Hillsborough, the senior Labour committee member, said: "It has never been

issue we felt that it was so important, a tradition of free entry which has been so established. and that it should remain that we, rather sadly, have had to put out a minority

report." He said there had been no evidence to show that revenue raised by charging would compensate for the loss

Mr Peter Longman, secretary of the Museums and Galleries Commission, said the committee was in disarray over the issue. "It is very sad that the committee, which has done so much good work over the years for the arts, should have torn itself apart." Mr Harry

Greenway, Conservative MP for Ealing North, said he had voted for charging only "in the hope that trustees would consider it and then reject it".

Shortly before the report's publication was expected, in November, the then chairman, Mr Timothy Raison, resigned over leaks from the committee and divisions among members, and it was revealed vesterday that the final majority report was the result of drastic

Mr Malcolm Thornton, the new chairman and Conservative MP for Crosby, said the main recommendations were that trustees of national museums and galleries should consider imposing compulsory admission charges; and that there should be concessions for children, the disadvantaged and regular users.

GREENPEACE

WHALE ACTION This Friday the 12th January, the Japanese

Prime Minister Mr Kaifu will be meeting with

Mrs Thatcher.

His visit to Britain occurs as Japanese whalers are killing up to 300 minke whales in Antarctica. Greenpeace believes that this slaughter must end. Mrs Thatcher could save these whales by representing your views on whaling to Mr Kaifu. If you care about whales, please ring the Prime Minister now and ask her to intervene on their behalf. Please ring: 01-270 3000

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Detonators link to IRA arms find

A member of the public has found what police believe might be home-made detonators connected with the IRA arms cache discovered in west Wales in November (Quentin Cowdry writes).

Dyfed Powys police said two batteries, connectors and some wire were found on December 31, eight days after police arrested two men as they approached the dump which contained 100 lbs of Semtex and a dozen hand weapons and AK47 automatic rifles.

A police spokesman said the material was undergoing forensic tests but said the find was of little or no significance. He strongly denied early reports that police had found more explosives and weapons on the Welsh coast.

Bookstore 'a hazard'

Disaster would have ensued had a fire broken out at Foyles, a bookstore in London's Charing Cross Road, Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court heard yesterday. Stacks of old novels and boxes blocked escape routes and the shop's firedoors were padlocked and boited. Shoppers would have been trapped inside and would have been crushed in the "pandemonium". The family firm faces 11 charges of flouting fire regulations after a visit by inspectors in 1988. Mr Francis Boal, the assistent manager, and the company have admitted two charges but denied the rest.

Tory poll tax fears

Senior Tory MPs are considering a last-minute appeal to the Prime Minister about the amount of Treasury subsidy to cushion the introduction of the community charge (Nicholas Wood writes). The move comes as government whips grew more worried about a threatened backbench revolt next Thursday when the Commons debates the revenue support grant settlement for the new financial year. Some whips even fear a possible government defeat.

Tolstoy to appeal

Count Nikolai Tolstoy said yesterday that he would appeal against the libel damages of £1.5 million awarded to Lord Aldington, the former deputy chairman of the Conservative Party. Mr Nigel Watts, who published a pamphlet which Count Tolstoy had written concerning Lord Aldington's part in the repatriation of Cossacks and Yugoslavs at the end of the Second World War, is not to appeal. He will petition for

90 tin mine jobs lost

A big fall in the international tin price led to the loss of 90 jobs at two of Britain's three remaining tin mines yesterday. The job cuts were made at the South Crofty mine, near Camborne, Cornwall, and the Wheal Jane mine, near Truro, which together employed 550. Carnon Consolidated, which bought the mnies from Rio Tinto Zinc in a management buy-out in 1988, said: "We have to pull in our horns because the tin price has fallen from £5,800 to £4,200 a tonne."

Editor to leave Sky

Mr Andrew Neil, editor of The Sunday Times, is to give up his additional responsibilities as executive chairman of Sky Television from February 1 (Richard Evans writes). He took up the job in November 1988 and the four Sky channels were launched last February. Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of The News Corporation, will take over Mr Neil's duties at Sky along with existing executives. Sky and Times Newspapers, publishers of The Times and The Sunday Times, are both subsidiaries of News International

Polytechnic bosses split on pay stance

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

front put up by the poly- dispute, while about 25 have technic employers in their dispute with the lecturers' union emerged yesterday.

The governors of Oxford Polytechnic are planning to write to the Polytechnics' and Colleges' Employers' Forum criticizing its decision to withdraw recognition from the ruled out strike action in National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education.

Provided the Oxford branch of the association agrees to an offer of 6 per cent from April last year, the directorate of the polytechnic will write to Mr Roger Ward, the employers' chief negotiator, urging him to campaign for higher pay for reopen negotiations with the teachers and alienate parents. union and settle minimum hourly rates for part-time polytechnic academics.

Although Oxford Polytechnic has made a local offer, Mr Clive Booth, the director, wants to preserve national pay bargaining while a number of others do not.

Last week, the forum said that a third of the 84 polytechnics it represented were planning to make local settlements to try to end the dispute after the union rejected an 8.4 per cent pay offer.

Aiready, at least 100,000 students in polytechnics have been affected by the academics' refusal to mark examina-

Although the 70,000 students on one-year courses have been worst affected. directors fear the action will bear upon an increasing number of ordinary undergrad-

students on "modular" cour-

The first crack in the united term, had been set back by the not received a degree award because of the academics' boycott of examinations.

"The effects of the dispute will escalate rapidly over the next two terms," he said. • The leader of Britain's biggest teachers' union yesterday pursuit of its 20 per cent pay claim (Douglas Broom

Mr Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said industrial action in schools would destroy "unprecedented" public support for its

A return to the methods which led to the Government imposing a pay deal on the 400,000 English and Welsh teachers in 1987 at the end of a disastrous pay dispute would be "counter productive and

weaken our case", he said. However, Mr McAvoy announced that the union was prepared to spend up to £1 million in extending its newspaper advertising campaign highlighting teacher shortages. It also plans to lobby 50 Tory MPs in marginal seats to put pressure on the Government to relax its £600 million

cash limit on the annual teachers' pay rise due in April. equivalent to a 7.5 per cent across-the-board increase. The lobby will be timed to coincide with the report of the Interim Advisory Committee

on teachers' pay, due out at the end of this month. Mr McAvoy said he ex-Mr Brian Sommers, deputy pected demands for "de-director of Oxford Poly-monstrative action" if the pay technic, said that at least 3,000 rise fell short of the 10 per cent average increase in non-manses, which are assessed each ual pay.

Patrick Ryan is expelled from missionary order Irish Affairs Correspondent

Patrick Ryan, the Roman Catholic priest wanted in Britain on terrorist charges, has been expelled from his missionary order.

The Roman Catholic Information Office in Dublin said yesterday that Mr Ryan had been dismissed from the Society of the Catholic Apostolate, a 2,000-strong order generally known as the Pallotine Fathers.

Quoting a brief statement issued by Father William Hanly, Provin-cial Superior of the Order in Ireland, it said Mr Ryan had been dismissed for "prolonged absences from the society and for persistent refusal to

tions of his superiors". The statement said the decision had been ratified by the Holy See's Congregation for Institutes of the Consecrated Life in Rome last

It made no references to Mr Ryan's alleged activities on behalf of the IRA or the fact that he is wanted by Scotland Yard on charges of conspiracy to murder and possession of bombs and explosives.

Under canon law, the decision means he can no longer perform the vows, rites or duties deriving from membership of the Order. He is also effectively suspended from priestly

functions. He cannot offer mass, preach or administer sacraments.

An inquiry by the Order into Mr Ryan began about six months ago after his return to Ireland after Belgium refused to extradite him to Britain. At the time, he was under temporary suspension pending a full inquiry and could say mass or preach in public only with the permission of his local bishop.

He is understood to have last worked for the Pallotines in 1973 when he returned to Ireland after brief spells in Africa and southern England. He has been out of contact with the Order ever since.

Mr Ryan was at the centre of a

political displute last October after a decision by the Irish Director of Public Prosecutions not to proceed with a prosecution against him for alleged terrorist offences in Britain because of insufficient evidence.

Recently he petitioned Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, and Mr Jacques Delors, President of the European Community, in an unsuccessful attempt to be granted a guarantee of safe passage against arrest and extra-dition throughout the EC.

• Mr Ryan's expulsion, which means he can no longer be referred to in print as Father Ryan, will come as a great relief to the Roman

City of culture theme for stamp

Catholic Church on both sides of the Irish Sea (Clifford Longley writes) In 1988, Cardinal Basil House of

Westminster asked the British me. dia not to call him Father Ryan He said in a statement that the title said in a statement than me time implied a Christian pastoral ministry, adding: "Patrick Ryan walked out of his religious order 14 years ago. In so doing, he reacunced the relationships which justify the normal use of the title, Father."

Ordination to the priesthood is viewed in the Roman Catholic Church as irrevocable. The ruling expelling him from the Order has the effect of reducing him to the

Unionists to see Brooke on devolution initiative

By Our Irish Affairs Correspondent

further talks after his keynote the Cameroons. speech on devolution on

Tuesday. Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, said yesterday that he and Mr Ian Paisley, of the Democratic Unionist Party, were prepared to meet Mr were prepared to meet Mr The sources emphasized Brooke again after initial disthat the Secretary of State had cussions with him in the

Mr Molyneaux, leading what has generally been a positive and warm response to Mr Brooke's speech both from politicians in Ulster and from party leaders in the Irish Republic, said he believed other political parties in Northern Ireland had now made significant progress in meeting Unionist demands.

Mr Brooke, in an upbeat assessment of the political stalemate in the province, had said he believed there was sufficient "common ground" for inter-party talks to begin, aimed at eventually creating some form of devolved administration.

Mr Molyneaux interpreted the Secretary of State's coments in the speech on the Anglo-Irish Agreement as evidence that the Government may be considering a new agreement or a suspension of the treaty for a strictly limited

He said he thought Mr Paisley would accompany him

Unionist leaders are to meet at a new round of talks Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of although he had not contacted State for Northern Ireland, for him directly. Mr Paisley is in

> However, government sources in Belfast, while welcoming the interest which

Mr Brooke, speaking during yesterday afternoon.

the Social Democratic and Labour Party, reiterated his call for talks but said that the future of the Anglo-Irish treaty should not be jeopardized in any way in the process.

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Morrison denies terrorist charges

IRA's political wing, was remanded in custody at Belfast Magistrates' Court yesterday on terrorist charges (Our Irish Affairs Correspondent writes).

Mr Morrison, who is Sinn Fein's director of publicity, was one of several people arrested on Sunday in a police and Army operation in west Belfast in connection with an alleged abduction.

Mr Morrison, who represented himself in court, faces charges of conspiracy to murder Alexander Joseph Lynch between January 4 and 8, of unlawfully imprisoning him, and of membership of the Provisional IRA.

He denied the charges and was remanded in custody until January 26.

A detective inspector told the court that on being charged in the early hours of yesterday, Mr Morrison said: Both you and I know that these charges are unsustain-

"As advised by my lawyer, I retain my right to silence, with the house Throughout questioning you Lynch was held.

Mr Danny Morrison, vice-president of Sinn Fein, the that right and have drawn inferences which are unsupportable and the court will see that."

Four other men, all from

west Belfast, appeared separately on the same charges as Mr Morrison. The four were John Anthony Murray, aged 39, of Creeslough Park; Gerard Hodgins, aged 30, of Lenadoon Avenue; James Terence O'Carroll, aged 27, of Andersonstown Park; and Daniel Caldwell, aged 33, of Colinvale, Poleglass.

They were also remanded in custody until January 26.

During cross-examination by Mr Morrison, the inspector told the court he was awaiting the results of forensic examin ations on more than 1,000 exhibits found at the house where, it is alleged, Mr Lynch was held against his will. The inspector said Mr

Lynch was abducted on January 5 and rescued by the police and Army units two days later. He said he had identification evidence linking Mr Morrison with the house where Mr

Guildford four inquiry

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

senior trade unionist are to Services Association, join join the judicial inquiry into Professor John Smith, QC, of the case of the Guildford four as lay advisers, Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, announced yesterday.

Sir Richard Barratt, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary, and Mr Alistair Graham, director of the Industrial Soci- terested," he said.

The chief inspector of ety and former general sec-constabulary and a former retary of the Civil and Public Cambridge University, as

> However, the solicitor for Paul Hill, one of the four, criticized the appointment of a police chief to the inquiry: "He is not lay. He is in-

the speech has generated, continued to point out that Mr Brooke has said nothing new on the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

said only that if talks between the "constitutional parties" in Ulster reach agreement on a devolved administration and that administration comes into being, then the Government would be prepared to look at the implications for the agreement.

a visit to Londonderry, underlined that he was encouraged by the reaction, but said it would be sensible to wait until the speech had been properly studied. It is believed that Mr Molyneaux, for example, had still not read the text in full by

Mr John Hume, leader of

Mr Hume said that talks should be held outside the framework of the agreement and without prejudice to anybody's position on the

Encephalopathy, was announced yesterday by the Government. Mr Robert Jackson, Minister of State

for Science, said it was in addition to the £6 million allocated on Tuesday by the Ministry of Agriculture for research into containing the disease. The extra money is part of an increase of £73 million that the Department of Education and Science agreed yesterday for next year's science budget, totalling £897 million, that will be shared out by the five research councils among institutions, The increases will be spread as follows: ● The Agriculture and Food Research

By Pearce Wright

Science Editor

A further £6.3 million for research into

the virus that causes the "mad-cow disease" BSE, Bovine Spongiform

Extra £6m for 'mad cow' research Council's budget will increase from allocation was made on the recom-£74.57 million this year (1989-90) to £85.91 million;

Mr Paul Hogarth, of Cambridge, with his design for a new stamp recognizing Glasgow as the European City of Culture 1990. Behind him is the stamp's subject, the former Templeton Carpet factory on Glasgow Green. A first class stamp featuring Glasgow School of Art and the 37p with the carpet factory will go on sale from March 6.

Grant allocations

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cil from £32.02 million to £36.01 ● Medical Research Council from £176.34 million to £185.71 million; Natural Environment Research Co

● Economic and Social Research Coun-

cil from £123.46 million to £135.23 million: • Science and Engineering Research Council from £404.96 million to £438.62

The remaining increases are contributions to maintaining scientific excellence through the Royal Society, the Fellow-ship of Engineering and Support for the new Centre for Exploitation of Science

and Technology, at Manchester. The

mendations of the Advisory-Board for the Research Councils, under the chairmanship of Professor Sir David Phillips, of Oxford University.

In its advice on future work by the Agricultural and Food Research Council it said: "The most pressing priority is oped programme of 'slow virus' research. designed in particular to improve basic understanding at the molecular and cellular levels of the BSE agent and its host interactions."

£1.5 million of the money going to the Economic and Social Research Council is being used to create a centre for economic performance at the London School of Economics to investigate why some firms prosper while others fail.

Ambulance dispute

Cook seeks to isolate Clarke

By Nicholas Wood and Tim Jones

vative divisions over the ambulancemen's dispute, by tabling a motion intended to isolate Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for

The move comes as the 18week dispute grows still more bitter after the decision by crews in some areas to ignore managers' instructions and run their own 999 service from today.

The areas affected are those in which staff have been suspended or pay has been

Mr Robin Cook, Labour's chief health spokesman, said, on the eve of a full-scale Commons debate on the pay deadlock, that Tory backbenchers should "speak for their constituents" and echo the overwhelming public support for a just settlement of the unions' claim.

The Opposition motion seeks to undermine Mr Clarke's submission that only a minority of ambulancemen It describes them as provid-

are highly trained lifesavers engaged in emergency work. ing an "essential emergency service", and notes that eighty per cent of all ambulance crews are "fully qualified to

Labour will today seek to provide skilled attention" to the dispute." Ambulancemen exploit backbench Conser- accident victims and other resented the Government's casualties. On Tuesday, Mrs Thatcher

said it was necessary to reward the most highly trained staff, but twice declined to endorse Mr Clarke's description of some ambulancemen as "professional drivers". That description, in a letter from Mr Clarke, has enraged

MPs are unhappy about Mr Clarke's abrasive tactics. Mr Cook said: "We have

the unions, and several Tory

sought in the motion to put on the record all the points about the ambulance staff that Ken Clarke has been denying throughout the four months of



Mr Cook: Aiming to exploit divisions among Tories.

emphasis on higher pay for those with paramedical skills because it devalued the qualifications and abilities of many experienced officers, he

Mr Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrats' leader, also criticized Mr Clarke, calling him "the greatest single impediment" to the resolution of the dispute.

As the dispute intensified. with no sign of fresh talks hetween the unions and health service management, more police forces and Army units were last night called in to deal with emergency services.
In Strathchyde, local coun-

cillors supported plans for the introduction of an alternative ambulance service in the re-gion, and called on the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities to act similarly. In Kent, police were preparing 21 vehicles to take over

emergency ambulance duty, and more than 100 officers were expecting to deal with as many as 300 emergency calls each day.

Surrey was also planning to use soldiers, from the Royal Army Medical Corps, who will be based at police stations

Yugoslav suffers big chess loss

By Raymond Keene Chess Correspondent

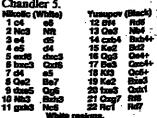
Predrag Nikolic, joint leader after the eleventh round of the Grandmasters section of the Foreign and Colonial Chess Tournament was swept away in a miniature game by Artur Yusupov yesterday. Yusupov, the Russian, cru-

shed his Yugoslav opponent in 22 moves. It is rare in Grandmaster play to lose with such rapidity while playing with the white pieces. The key to Yusupov's win

was the sacrifice of a knight on his thirteenth move. In the other three twelfthround games at Hastings, East Sussex, Sergei Dolmatov, the

Russian, drew with Murray Chandler, while Jon Speelman inflicted a heavy defeat on Boris Gulko, another Russian. Michael Adams returned to his best form to win a subtle end game in 37 moves against Kevin Spraggett of Canada. Points: Dolmatov 61/2; Ni-

kolic 6; Spraggett, Yusupov. Gulko 51/2; Adams, Speelman. Chandler 5.
Nikolic (White)
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SAS defences are breached by grandmother with hedge trimmers

By Craig Seton

The defences of a camp used by the Special Air Services Regiment (SAS), one of the world's most were breached by a grandmother

at Pontrilas, Hereford and Worces-

ished anti-terrorist forces, She said: "If I could get through ing garden hedge trimmers, 2 the fence, so could the IRA. I am sorry. I did apologize to them, but I just had to make the point that court heard yesterday. Mrs Sylvia Davenport, aged 59, used the trimmers to cut out a section of a chain-link fence

ling an Army training area

ter, where the SAS practises. Mrs bavenport pleaded guilty at South lerefordshire Magistrates' Court, Hereford, to causing £230 damage to the fence, belonging to the Ministry of Defence,

security is not what it should be and I hope I have made it." Mrs Davenport's home, the Old

Magistrates' Court, Abbey Dore, is only 100 yards from the perimeter fence of the camp, which is about 10 miles from the SAS headquarters at Stirling Lines, near Hereford.

Several years ago, she was part of a successful campaign to prevent the SAS from diverting a public feotpath which runs alongside the training base. She once complained that she had been overcome by CS gas used during a military train exercise at the camp as she and a

friend walked her dogs near by. Mr Aidan McGivern, for the prosecution, said that just after 5pm on October 13 the office of Ministry of Defence police at the Pontrilas camp received a telephone call from Mrs Davenport, who said she had cut through the fence.

Ten minutes later she called again to report that she had cut the hole. Officers who went to investiund a 6ft by 11/2ft hole in the gate for fence. While the damage was being

inspected, Mrs Davenport walked through the hole and asked a police officer "what he was going to do

She was arrested and taken to the headquarters of the SAS (raotto: Who Dares Wins). She was then taken to Hereford police station where she told officers she had used her hedge trimmers to cut the fence.

The magistrates adjourned the case until February 7 for reports

and Mrs Davenport was given bail. Outside court, she said: "I am very werried that security is so poor that somebody will go and blow up the kids while they are drinking in the

The Ministry of Defence said it was not policy to comment on the special forces. "Security measures we do take include armed guards and police dogs and it may be unwise for anybody to attempt to do this sort of thing." The Anglo-Irish Agreement was signed by Mrs Thatcher and Dr Garret FitzGerald, not Mr Charles Haughey as stated vesterday.

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Cash for

trip to

Australia

Three winners shared yes-terday's £2,000 Portiolio

Platinum prize.
Mr Roland Eccles, aged 60, of Sale in Cheshire, said

he would put the money towards air tickets for Australia. "Our 27-year-old

daughter, Alison, took a catering job in Sydney last

year," he said. Mr Eccles, a retired British Rail engineer,

is ringing master at Manchester Cathedral and

hopes to take part in some

church services during his

The other winners were

Mr Raymond Stanbridge, of Luton, Bedfordshire, and Mr

William Whyte, of Horley, West Sassex. Each receives £666.66.

Attack on

plans to

use more

'bail tags'

By Quentin Cowdry

Home Affairs

An extension of the Govern-

ment's trouble-hit "electronic

bail" experiment was an-

nounced yesterday to the de-

rision of Labour MPs, penal

reformers and probation

Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, said

the technical viability of the

equipment had been proved

and the Government now

wanted to try the experiment,

designed to reduce remands in

custody, in a larger area to

increase the number of defen-

throwing good money after

bad in an attempt to revive an

experiment which had been a

They said the cost of the

trial at Nottingham mag-

istrates court, where only 16 people, less than a third of the

number aimed at, have been

tagged in five months was

about £12,000 a person - the

cost of keeping someone in

prison for more than six

So far only 39 people have

Of these about half are now

been tagged at the three courts

in prison having either ab-

sconded or allegedly commit-

ted new offences while on bail.

in a written Commons reply,

came as it was revealed that

the 180-strong socialist group

in the European Parliament,

the biggest party at Strasbourg,

Mr Patten's announcement.

conducting the experiment.

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dants who might be tagged. However, the project's crit-ics accused ministers of

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Mr Bewick is one of three doctors facing charges of serious professional misconduct in relation to payments to donors. The others are Dr Raymond Crockett, a Harley Street kidney specialist, and Mr Michael Joyce, a urologist. The charges heard yesterday were specifically against Mr planted a cadaver kidney from

a NHS patient, Miss A T of Lewisham, into Mrs C T, a private patient; that later that day he knowingly gave false information to Dr David Taube, consultant nephrologist at Dulwich Hospital renal unit; and that on or before that day he misled the tissue typing laboratory at Guys Hospital by asking them to include Mrs C T as an NHS patient awaiting an operation.

colleagues at a south London

hospital by taking a kidney intended for a National

Health Service patient and

transplanting it into a patient

A General Medical Council

disciplinary hearing was told

that Mr Michael Bewick had

agreed that the kidney, from a

Lewisham, should go to an NHS patient from Brighton.

Instead it had been given to a

private patient at the Wellington Humana Hospital in St

Johns Wood, north-west

at a private hospital.

Last month Mrs C T was identified as a Greek woman who had received a kidney from a Turkish donor, Mrs Hatice Anutkan. On that occa-

after the disaster.

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"He was in the thick of it at

tion," she said.

Ilford, east London, twice twice." stabbed an 18-year-old bank He

A transplant surgeon was said sion the transplant was under- satisfied that she was a suitvesterday to have deceived his stood to have failed.

able patient?" "Yes," Dr Taube said. "She was a some-

what older woman, aged about 53 and unfortunately had lost

a kidney during a previous

transplant operation which had failed."

November ever become aware

that Mrs M S had not received

the Lewisham kidney?" Mr Henderson asked. "No."

content if you knew that the

Lewisham kidney would go to

a non-entitled private

Asked by Mr Henderson when he first became aware

that Mrs M S had not received

the Lewisham kidney, Dr

Taube said he thought it was

kidney had gone into a non-

entitled private patient at the

Henderson asked. "Yes," Dr

'I was sad and upset because I

felt that in a way I had been

Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC for Dr Crockett, asked if it

were the rule that any kidney

recovered from the cadaver of

a NHS patient should first be

made available to another

NHS patient. Dr Taube re-

Mr Roger Bell, QC, for Mr Bewick, told the hearing that

there was no doubt that his

client did transplant the kid-ney from Lewisham into Mrs

T, but he denied any

The hearing continues

A neighbour saw her strug-

gling and heard her screams

Longden said. Clark stabbed

the girl a second time and she

feared she would be

After the attack, Clark

drove away in the stolen car

The court heard that Clark,

twice married with two child-

ren. had convictions as a

invenile for five offences of

indecently assaulting women.

theatre technician, worked for Barking and Havering Health

Authority at the time of his

arrest and was planning to

with deep remorse and this

horrific crime will be on his

conscience for the rest of his

Mrs May said: "He is filled

marry a nurse.

Clark, a former operating

but was chased by police who

"What was your reaction?"

"Did you learn that the

on the following Tuesday.

Wellington Hospital,"

Taube replied.

plied that it was.

decention.

The judge, Sir James but when he tried to dial 999, Miskin, QC, the Recorder of his call was held up and vital

London, told Clark: "It may minutes were lost, Mr

Clark's sentence because of his eventually stopped and

murdered

patient?" "No."

"Would you have been

"Did you on the 19th

in private operation

Yesterday Dr Taube told the hearing that on the weekend of the November 18-19, 1988 he exchanged several telephone calls with Mr Bewick in which they discussed the availability of the Lewisham kidney and whether it would be suitable for any of the patients awaiting recently deceased woman in transplants in Dulwich.

They had discussed one patient but Mr Bewick then informed him that there were no other suitable patients in Dulwich. However, he had two other cross matches, in other words suitable patients, in Brighton. One was known to the hospital as Mrs MS. Dr Taube said he had been delighted that the operation

Bewick should proceed. Mr Roger Henderson, QC for the GMC, asked whether it had been agreed that Mrs M S should receive a kidney from Bewick. They were that on the Lewisham donor, "Yes," November 19, 1988 he trans- Dr Taube replied. "Were you

should go ahead and that Mr



Mr Bewick: Facing charges at GMC hearing

'Hillsborough trauma' blamed

A male nurse who resuscitated ation of why he carried out the tried to wrench it away.

attack it could be his involve-

He said he was reducing

from a party in llford and then pleas of guilty to charges of arrested him. He later claimed

aped her in a garden.

rape, wounding, driving reckto have been too drunk to
Mrs Patricia May, for the lessly and stealing a car, and recall anything.

Mr Anthony Longden, for

her and asked for directions,

claiming he was lost. He then

He dragged her across the

road into a garden. Her hands

w as the European City of Cities Stage

Male nurse jailed for rape 1 on State from March b.

a girl during last year's attack it could be his in Hillsborough tragedy and tended others lying injured on the Sheffield pitch, was senMiskin, QC, the Record

tenced to eight years' impris-onment by the Central Criminal Court yesterday for a

rape committed three weeks This was an appalling crime. A

ter the disaster.

Barry Clark, aged 35, from girl had a knife stuck into her

defence, said that the attack because of his frank confes-

could be attributable only to sion which spared his victim

The attack, which happened the prosecution, told the court

hours before Clark was due to that Clark stole a car from a

choose an engagement ring for woman and, when he saw his his girlfriend, was an "aberra-victim at midnight, stopped

Hillsborough and used his pulled a knife from his waist-medical skills to do what he band and stabbed her.

had the most traumatic effect were cut as she desperately

on him. If there is any explan- grabbed the knife blade and

emotional scars resulting from having to give evidence.

Doctor accused of | Beaming treatment for patient

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Lenny Henry, the comedian, with a young patient at Westminster Children's Hospital yesterday after the launch of a comic strip, Sammy Goes To Hospital, published by the National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital, to help children prepare for a stay in hospital. The strip uses colour photographs to explain procedures. Health, page 9

Baby deaths riddle

Experts investigate mystery illness

Experts investigating the ment's Centre for Applied deaths of six babies in a London hospital are worried that they may fail to find a the Public Health Laboratory common factor linking the Service at Colindale, north

tragedies. The infants died of a pneumonia-like illness in the ruses in eggs, and tests on intensive care unit of the guinea pigs are being con-Brompton Hospital, Fulham, between Christmas and last causative organism. Results week-end. They had been suffering from congenital heart defects and five had

undergone operations. The unit and three operating theatres have been closed since the beginning of this week, and paediatric ad-

missions have been cancelled. For the first time, a nationwide team of experts has gathered to work full-time on the investigation. It includes virologists, bacteriologists, toxicologists, government researchers and specialists at teaching

hospitals and universities. Post-mortem samples and hospital equipment such as ventilators, used to support the infants while they were in intensive care, are being analyzed. The investigators are looking for traces of any chemical toxins that may have infiltrated the equipment.

Drugs used to treat the infants are also being tested for contamination. Scientists at the Govern-

answer is found. The hospital Some of the most sophisticated medical technology and computer systems are being employed to sift every detail of the circumstances of each infant's death. "It is like a

Microbiological Research at

Porton Down, Wiltshire, and

London, are also taking part.

ducted to try to identify a

may take several weeks.

Experiments on growing vi-

is a leading centre for the treatment of heart and respiratory disorders. The chief suspect remains a rare virus which may have police investigation, with det- little effect on adults but is

European data base could help diabetics

A Europe-wide scheme aimed create an information hase on at improving the care of people the illness which will help cut with diabetes, which afflicts the high cases of blindness, 6.5 million Europeans, was amputation and premature launched in London vesterday

(Nick Nuttall writes). The programme, called Eurodiabeta, brings together physicians, scientists and software engineers from 15 cen-tres under the European death among victims.

lous attention to detail," Dr

Michael Rigby, consultant paediatric cardiologist at the

Doctors at the hospital said

yesterday they had been in-

undated with offers of special-

ist help. However, the paedia-

tric intensive care unit and

operating theatres may have

to be reopened before the

hospital, said.

Details of the condition and each patient's history will be available to medical

Community's Advanced cal and Dental Schools of west London, and adjourned Informatics in Medicine Guy's and St Thomas's hos-(AIM) initiative. It aims to pitals in London.

ective work requiring meticu- lethal in babies. Most common viruses and bacteria, including those responsible for the recent influenza epidemic and for outbreaks of Legionnaires' disease, have been eliminated from the investigation.

"We are left with diminishing number of possi-bilities, and it is on the cards that we may never find get an explanation," Dr Harold Gaya, consultant microbiolo-gist and infections control officer at the Brompton Hos-

"It will be a long time before we are prepared to accept that conclusion and I remain hopeful that we will be successful."

Dr Rigby said: "We will all be very uneasy until an answer is reached. Finding the cause will be a great relief because then we can take steps to prevent a repetition. We may never know what happened. the illness which will help cut but my hunch is that a rare

has condemned the scheme. A resolution says the trials may have breached the Eurovirus is responsible." pean Convention on Human Rights and urges the Par-Inquests into the deaths of two of the babies, Robert liament to conduct a formal Davies, aged eight weeks, born in Maidstone, Kent, and Rox-

investigation. There was scepticism yes-terday at the idea that a switch anne Campbell, aged 19 days, born in Carshalton, Surrey, The project is being co-ordinated by the United Medi-Westminster Coroner's Court, were opened vesterday at until January 17. Both infants

to a new court will increase the number of people tagged. Mr Anthony Desburslais, clerk to Nottingham Justices, pointed out that the 20 Not-

tingham magistrates' courts were served by the largest lay bench in England and Wales. Others said the Govern-

ment's hopes had always been unreasonably high, given its condition that the devices should be fitted only to people who would otherwise be remanded in custody.

In Nottingham tagging has diverted from prison only 16 of the 1,700 people who have been given custodial remands. Mr Roy Hattersley, shadow Home Secretary, said: "We always said tagging would prove a nonsense and an embarrassment. What we want is serious alternatives to

custody, not gimmicks."
The £580,000 Home Office scheme began in Nottingham on August 14 and at the magistrates' courts of Tower Bridge in central London and North Tyneside, near Newcastle, shortly afterwards.

Under the scheme defendants are given bail on the understanding that they adhere to curfews as long as 23 hours a day. If they break the curfew the equipment automatically alerts private sec-

Gang flees as Anthony, 13, lashes out

Police yesterday praised the pressing a "panic button". bravery of a boy aged 13 who foiled an armed robbery at his mother's post office by punching one of three raiders in the

Shell is a locality that are a second and a Anthony Strapp, who was hit over the head with a truncheon and dazed during the attack, was in the rear of the village post office at me and hit me over the head. Tidbury Green, near Solihull, "I must have been knocked See to See The when the three robbers burst out for a few minutes, because in through the front as his when I came round, I was mother. Mrs Linda Strapp, was serving three customers. The men wore ski-type

FOUND SERVICE SE FEMALE E masks over their faces. One carried a handgun, and another a truncheon. As they not seriously hurt. He said: "I ordered the customers to lie think the hard rugby training Entry County 2 Part of Res on the floor and demanded at school has served me in Account Auding Park money from Mrs Strapp, Angood stead, but looking back, I African Adding Summer thony raced in from the rear of could have been scriously the post office and tackled one injured. I did not realize they of them, giving his mother had a gun until my mum told time to raise the alarm by me. intiv.

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Anthony said yesterday:
"As soon as I heard the

commotion, I knew something was wrong. I opened the face, forcing them to flee door and a masked man was empty-handed. began punching him in the face and his mask came away in my hand. I hit him about three times and he turned on "I must have been knocked

> one was saying how proud they were of me." Anthony, a pupil at Tudor Grange School, Solihull, was

lying on the floor and every-

Mrs Linda Strapp and Anthony, who forced robbers to flee.

Killer tells of loving words to estranged wife before knifings

Triple-killer Rene Hillebrand He also admitted that when he didn't intend to stab him. He told a jury today that he confronted her on the night of stood up and grabbed me cradled his estranged wife April 7, at the home of her again and pushed me to the Dawn in his arms and told her how much he loved her before stabbing her with a longbladed knife.

Hillebrand, aged 21, from The Netherlands, had already stabled his English wife's parents to death after failing to persuade her to return with him to Amsterdam.

He told the jury at the Central Criminal Court that his wounded wife was crawling around on the floor talking 10 him. "I said I felt sorry but I wanted to finish it for her so she did not finish in pain. I had to stab her a few times because she was so strong."

Hillebrand admitted beating Dawn, aged 25, during the six months before she left him.

parents, Mr Alan Sturgeon and his wife Margaret, in Dawn and her mother tried to Erith, Kent, he was armed with the knife and an imitation handgun. He claimed, however, that he had taken the weapons only to encourage the family to "talk things over".

ple murder and whose plea of guilty to manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility has been rejected by the prosecution, told the court: "Her mother was cross at seeing me. She said: 'What are you doing here? Mr Sturgeon came running in,

grabbed me and pushed me through the bedroom door. "As he ran at me I pulled out the knife and he ran on it. I until today.

When Mrs Sturgeon tried to use the telephone, he stabbed Hillebrand, who denies triher and then stabbed all three

again because they were moaning with pain. His counsel, Mr Rock Tansy, asked: "Do you feel sorry for what you have done?"

floor. We started to fight and

pull him off. All three were at

me. My wife bent my fingers

back. I just wanted to push

them off. I might have stabbed

them as well."

Hillebrand, who repeatedly grinned behind a hand while giving his evidence, replied:

"It's a bit too late now." The trial was adjourned

urity guards.

By Jamie Detimer

Wartime food policies may have to be introduced in Britain if global warming causes dramatic distortions in the nate, the chairman of the Countryside Commission said yesterday.

Sir Derek Barber highlighted the dangers of global warming to Britain's farms in a speech in London afer receiving Massey-Ferguson's 1989 award for services to agriculture.

He claimed there was "a distinct Possibility" that the country's weather system could change within the next Couple of generations.

"The distortions of food production throughout the world could be horrific," said Sir Derek, who was presented with his award by Mr John mer, Minister of Agriculture,

Fisheries and Food. "It could lead to this country having

ization policies last seen in Britain in the Second World War," Sir Derek said.

Global warming, caused by too much carbon dioxide in the atosphere, is likely to start altering Britain's climate in a marked way within 30 years. "An anticipated warming of three centigrade will have the effect of pushing up the climate 500 miles northwards."

Sir Derek's warning about climatic changes was couched in a general criticism of the move in Britain towards "green" farming. There was, he said, a widespread "naive interest" in green agriculture which could blunt the edge of British farmers' ability to

produce economically. "Care for the farmed landscape and, with it, the dependent wildlife is both an old and new interest to those who

once again to accept food maxim- own and occupy land," he said. Sir Derek said that the shift away from trying to maximize production has happened in only the last 20 years, but he said global warming would force a return to this approach.

He also warned against regarding organic farming, with its relatively low productivity, as a way to cut surplus production

Without the use of farm chemicals to boost yields, "we should all start the slide down a starvation trail", he said. He said that environmental benefits should be considered in all farming measures and advised that new policies be introduced now to improve the landscape before the need for maximizing food production overwhelmed concern about the

● Peterborough Council, Cambridge

shire, is to launch a "green charter" to

Rationing fear in wake of global warming alert "green" issues. The charter, printed on recycled paper and believed to be the first of its kind in Britain, will require council departments to consider the environment when making decisions and implementing policy.

Other measures include the development of alternative means of transport, the recognition of the links between the environment and public bealth, and a ban on the use of CFCs in building materials.

 An application by a health care to dump thousands of tons of chemical waste in the North Sea has been criticized by environmental groups. Fisons wants to renew a licence to

dispose of up to 4,000 tons of chemical waste in sealed containers over the next 12 months. The firm says, however, it is unlikely that any waste will be damped at sea.

A millionaire for half an hour

By David Sapsted

For a few moments, a young flow of the short-term securi- have been cashed in or used to forget about his £2,500 overoutside the Stock Exchange.

"I was a multi-millionaire for half an hour," Mr Martin Ritchie, aged 23, said yesterday after picking up four Certificates of Deposit, each worth £1 million in Throgmorton Street, London.

The bonds had fallen from the briefcase of a messenger who worked for a subsidiary of S G Warburg, the merchant

hankers. According to a Warburg snokesman, they are used to oil the wheels in the ebb and

draft after finding bonds he waited for a client on the to Mr Ritchie". worth £4 million in the gutter opposite side of the road, immediately contacted the subsidiary company, Rowe and Pitman, to let it know he had the £4 million.

> "They had already been searching for them," he said. "They sounded very relieved I had found them."

When a messenger arrived to collect the precious documents, he handed Mr Ritchie. who lives in Stoke Newington. Laurent-Perrier champagne.

London surveyor was able to ties market". Mr Ritchie, who secure a loan, but said it was saw the pieces of paper fall as still "very happy and grateful The Bank of England said

that, in theory, the Certificates of Deposit could be cashed at banks on their due date. usually three months after issue. "Normally a bank would pay a Certificate of Deposit, but I'm sure they would be on the lost or stolen list very quickly.

"Unless the holder who walked into the bank could demonstrate he was entitled to north London, a magnum of them, then the bank that was being asked to hand the Warburg pointed out last money over would be entitled night that the bonds could not not to pay."

By Ruth Gledhill

Campaigners called yesterday for a government review of lighting throughout the national motorway network. But the Department of Transport said there were no plans for such a review.

Little more than a quarter of the 1,858 motorway miles in England is lit, and this is unlikely to increase by more than a fraction over the next decade.

The Department of Transport is preparing a plan to light a large proportion of the M25 after a review of the motorway last year.

At present, 45 per cent of the M25 is hit, with a plan under way to extend lighting in some parts. The cost of lighting the rest of the motorway will be about £9 million.

Special lights have been proposed to reduce the environmental impact on people living near by, many of whom objected to lighting at inquiries into the motorway's construction.

According to the National Chamber of Trade (NCT), which first lobbied for improvements in motorway lighting five years ago, the situation has barely improved. Eight motorways have a higher accident rate than the M25.

Mr Bernard Tennant, director general of the NCT, said: "We appreciate that money has to be found, but we are disappointed that more has not been found in all this time. We would

welcome any move to look at the problem and improve the situation." He said particular danger arises when motorists drive through a section which is brightly lit and are then suddenly

plunged into darkness. In an NCT survey last year, 38 out of 41 police authorities said that they supported lighting on all motorways. The Association of Chief Police Officers recommended that lighting

installed when new stretches were built. Chief Inspector Roger Curtis, chairman of the association's traffic committee, said yesterday: "Motorways are statistically one of the safest road systems of all. But they are far better

should be extended to all motorways and

with lights to help prevent accidents and crime, and to improve visibility."

Mr John Guttridge, south-east re-gional director of the Freight Transport Association, said one example was the M1, where there could be a case for extra lighting on northern sections.

"I would not argue exclusively for the M25 although it is the most pressing case in the South-east.

"If the Government is going to look at lighting on the M25, it would be sensible to look at a wider canvas," he said. "In an ideal world, every piece of motorway and every trunk road would be lit."

In 1988, 212 people died on motorways. Road studies have shown that lighting can help reduce night accidents.

in some cases by as much as half. Mr Edmund King, of the British Road Federation, said: "Lighting is a major safety factor particularly at night and in bad visibility."

The Department of Transport said that motorway lighting was "permanently under review". It said that there. were plans for a further 80 to 90 miles of lighting in the next five to 10 years.

In exceptional cases, however, lighting will be installed where a strong case is made for a particular section.

The capital cost of installing lighting on unlit motorways would be £155 unilion, with annual running costs of £10.3 million. • Vauxhall acted swiftly yesterday to

reassure thousands of worned drivers by offering a guarantee on conversions to unleaded petrol carried out by its dealer network (Kevin Eason writes).

The company acted after drivers immdated the Automobile Association after reports that switching their cars to unleaded fuel could damage engines.

Engineers said that cars without hardened valve seats could eventually seize up after 5,000 miles unless conversions were properly carried out.

The Motor Agents' Association, which represents 13,000 garages, told motorists last night to have conversions carried out only by authorized dealers or MAAmember garages to ensure that work was

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NHS 'not checking' that consultants fulfil commitments

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

tants to ensure that they are not abusing their National Health Service contracts by doing too much private work, the National Audit Office said in a report yesterday.

Full-time NHS consultants are not allowed to earn more than 10 per cent of their gross health service salary from private work, but none of the 12 health authorities surveyed set of accounts to check consultant income. Nor did any of them regularly monitor whether doctors keep to their NHS contracts.

not provide assurance that all consultants are fulfilling their NHS commitments, and may not bring evidence of neglect to light," the report said.

All the authorities visited were adamant that the "great majority" of their consultants were working more than their contracted hours, although they admitted that a small number might be neglecting their commitments.

Three quarters of the districts reported isolated cases of suspected neglect.

The report pointed out that although there is only limited evidence of abuse, the Department of Health and the health authorities have a duty to ensure that consultants' private practice does not conflict with their NHS duties.

It recommended that consultants' contracts should specify fixed NHS commitments, such as a specific treatments at a cost of £50 number of operating theatre million, under contractual and clinic sessions, attached to arrangements with the NHS. work programme. That recommendation goes slightly further than the Government's NHS reforms, which will give consultants fuller job of the Government's commudescriptions and specify the time they devote to the NHS.

The National Audit Office Authorities has said. report also said that if the the

expand, as part of the NHS reforms, it will increasingly come into conflict with the NHS unless consultant numrelies heavily on health service staff, with 85 per cent of NHS consultants doing some pri-

had ever called for an audited practice in their spare time for as much as 10 per cent of their earnings. A third of consultants have maximum parttime contracts. They are paid 10/11ths of the basic salary, "Current arrangements do and can do as much private of provide assurance that all work as they wish in the rest of

Private sector has recruited many nurses from NHS 9

their time. Nine per cent of consultants work part time, earning between 1/1th and 9/11ths of the basic salary, depending on their commitments.

The report argued that the private sector had recruited many nurses from the NHS while making only a small contribution to the training of medical and nursing staff. The National Audit Office

found that treating patients in the private sector in an attempts to cut NHS waiting lists cost twice as much treating them within the service. In 1987/88, the private sector carried out 30,000 in-patient An independent advocacy system to monitor standards of care provided in people's homes should be set up as part nity care reforms, the National Association of Health

The White Paper on health

Tougher controls should be private sector continued to reforms proposes that more imposed on hospital consul- expand, as part of the NHS people should be looked after in their own homes rather than in residential homes, but it outlines monitoring bers rise. The private sector arrangements only for private and local authority care.

The association suggests that local authorities should Nearly 50 per cent of ensure that the quantity consultants work full-time for services in people's own homes is clearly specified and monitored, whether provided by the authorities or by the private or voluntary

> association's assistant director, emphasized that the monitoring should not intrude too overtly in people's homes. She suggested that where possible, a client's relative or carer would become his or her advocate, and could then appeal to an independent individual or group, who would have powers to intervene if

Miss Yvonne Mouncer, the

The association also criticizes the Government's decision to award specific community grants only for the mentally ill. "The lack of any guarantee that all the monies made available for care in the community will be used for the purpose is a matter of concern," it says in its response to the White Paper. • A computer software package to help local authorities tackle child abuse was launched yesterday by Mrs Virginia Bottomley, the health minister. The package, provided free to social services

research. Mrs Bottomley said time and again in child abuse cases. the key is that somehow the relevant information is not available in the right place at

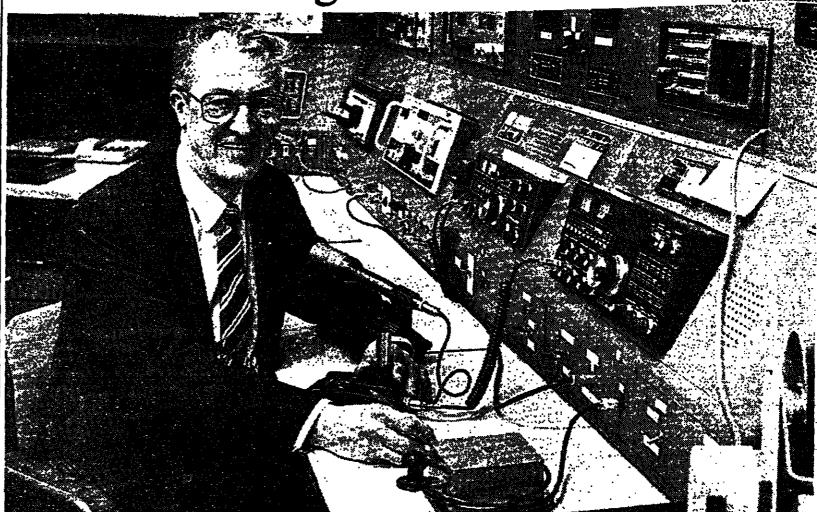
departments in England and

Wales, will enable social work-

ers to call up information and

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Radio ham signs off for the last time



Mr Geoff Voller in the Science Museum's high-tech radio station and, below, in 1955 showing children how the museum's first radio station worked.

The world's best known radio ham hangs up his earphones today for the last time after 35 years demonstrating radio communications at the Science Museum in west London.

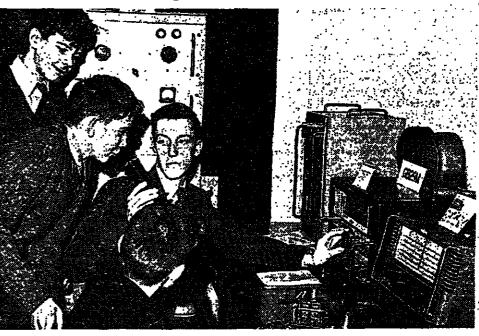
Mr Geoff Voller set up GB2SM in 1955 to encourage gsers to join the electronics industry. "It worked a treat. Hundreds of kids who watched me have become eminent electronics engineers, including the professor of electronics at Manchester University," Mr Voller said.

The most graphic demonsearly 1970s when the South Atlantic island of Tristan da Cunha was struck by a hurriOffice and other relevant authorities to get help.' GB2SM was also the first to

receive electrocardiograms over long distances, so that records could be sent from Tristan to the Medical Research Council, which urgently needed data, in moments rather than the six months it then took by ship.

Other museums have modelled radio station's on Mr Voller's, and he has kept in regular contact with museums in Stockholm, Oslo, Eindhoven, Ottawa and Chicago.

change a lot since 1955. Techniques which were purely experimental then have becane and lost its conventional come commonplace now, partiaerials. "My contact there cularly in transmitting radio rigged up a temporary aerial to facsimiles and teletype. It's a make contact with me, and I much smaller world now than was able to contact the Foreign it was then," he said.



Girl 'was force fed by nurse'

The head of a home for mentally handicapped children who force fed a teenage resident was struck off the nurses' register yesterday.

Mrs Linda Jones, a qualified nurse, was found guilty of six charges of misconduct by the professional conduct committee of the General Nursing Council in London. A further five charges were found not

Mrs Jones, aged 40, of Marton, Blackpool, who did not attend the hearing, was said to have left a girl, aged 17, screaming hysterically after pulling her head back and holding her nose to make her eat a piece of ham.

Mrs Jones was later dismissed as head of care at the home in Rossall, Blackpool, where she worked between May 1985 and May 1986, the hearing was told.

Mrs Carline Wilkinson, a care assistant who worked with Mrs Jones, who was employed by the Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde health authority, told the hearing that she saw Mrs Jones trying to force the girl, called Tina, to

Mrs Wilkinson said: "Mrs Jones went over to her and held her hand over her nose. pushed her head back and tried to force feed her. Tina was hysterical. She was just screaming and very upset."

Mrs Wilkinson said Mrs Jones had also refused to allow the girl to go to a disco in the city under the care of an assistant from the home.

As a result, the girl had become upset and wet herself, and had been further

"Mrs Jones thought I was too lenient with Tina and that we should be a lot more firm with her. But with Tina it was inappropriate to continue punishment over any length of time. She simply forgot what she was being punished for," Mrs Wilkinson said.

Lockerbie investigations

Police of 5 nations compare notes

five countries yesterday gath- raphers were brought in by bus again before being allowed on the right trail. Evidence is ered in a country hotel under a mantle of intense security to take pictures. discuss the progress of the investigation into the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

Up to 30 members of the inquiry team took over the Lockerbie House Hotel, barely a mile from the disaster site, in an attempt to piece together what Mr George Esson, the Chief Constable of Dumfries and Galloway Police, has described as a "massive international jigsaw".

They sat around a large table next to a television monitor showing the battered nose cone of the jumbo jet which landed on a hillside at Tundergarth, east of the town. Local people went quietly about their business, largely unaware of the summit taking place down the road.

The conference was attended by police and investigators from Britain, the United States, West Germany, Sweden and Malta. However, no communiqué was issued afterwards and the conference was marked only by the elaborate security measures

Police with tracker dogs patrolled the grounds of the

and given three minutes to

All representatives of the media had first to gather at the police incident centre in Lockerbie to be given security accreditation.

There, each person was searched and all photographic and film equipment was electronically scanned before reporters were permitted to travel to the hotel, set in extensive grounds about half a mile from the minor Lockerbie to Boreland road.



Inside the Lockerbie House

followed.

Senior police officers from 30-room hotel before photog- raphers were scrutinized once authorities to believe they are into the hotel ballroom.

By mid-morning, ironically, the security cordon seemed to have vanished. Reporters were able to drive unhindered up the hotel drive, park next to the fleet of investigators' cars, and startle the policemen on guard.

Lord Fraser, the Lord Advocate and Scotland's senior law officer, was not present at the conference, but a spokesman from his office in Edinburgh said: "Investigative agencies and prosecutors in various countries maintain regular contact. Very positive lines of inquiry are being

Before the conference, Professor Paul Wilkinson, an expert in international terrorism, said he thought that the summit was taking place against a "more promising background than a few months ago", and said he believed there had been breakthroughs offering a real prospect of success in finding the bombers.

Professor Wilkinson, said on Radio Solway, the local Wilkinson: Pros- a gradual increase in intelli- outrage on December 21, gence data that has led the

beginning to accumulate." The summit indicated that the authorities felt they had enough evidence to stand up in a court, he added. Police have now made inquiries in 52 countries in their

people, including 11 Lockerbie townspeople. There was speculation that much of the conference would centre on Mohammed Abu Talb, aged 35, who is beginning a life sentence in Sweden

search for the killers of the 270

in Copenhagen and Amsterdam in 1985. Talb, who has protested his innocence of any involvement in the Lockerbie bombing, has been interrogated by Scottish police. Earlier this week, he lodged an appeal against his

for his part in terrorist attacks

However, police have also named the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine -General Command as one

group that may be involved. The group's leader, Ahmed Jibril, denies involvement and has challenged Western intelon Radio Solway, the local ligence agencies to prove that BBC station: "There has been the PFLP-GC was behind the

New concert hall

Hallé to be based in £100m centre

By Ronald Faux

A new home for the Hallé provide a massive boost to the Orchestra within a £100 million leisure and commercial development in the centre of Manchester was announced yesterday.

steel, designed to be among the most impressive in Europe, will become the base for England's oldest professional orchestra in 1993. The move will end a 132-year association with the Free Trade Hall whose site will be used for a commercial development behind the old fa-

The design for the 2,500seat hall and surrounding Great Bridgewater development, on a five-acre site next to the G-MEX Centre has come from Beazer Projects Ltd. The choice was made from 20 submissions from national and international developers.

Financial support for the scheme comes from the city, and the Central Manchester Development Corporation.

Mr Graham Stringer, leader of Manchester City Council, said the scheme would change the shape of the city and

cultural and economic pros-

pects of Manchester and the

north-west region.

The development would extend to the canal basin near by and have an art gallery, a A concert hall in glass and design museum, photographic gallery and a range of cafes, shops and public performance areas. The commercial development within the complex is to provide up to 2,000 jobs in 80,000 square feet of new office space.

Mr Sebastian de Ferranti, chairman of the Halle Concert Society, welcomed the outline plans. He said the Hallé intended to remain a great international orchestra. "Here is a chance to have a

concert hall designed and constructed to the highest standards architecturally and acoustically. At this stage the prospects for the future look excellent," he said. A start on the concert hall

site will be made in October with the target completion date of late 1993.

spring 1990 to spring 1994.

30,500 being caught in the four months to the end of December, 26 per cent up on / the same period in 1988. The design and construc-tion period for the three sites Family charge Albert and Ivy Williams, aged 73 and 69, of Mangotsfield, in the scheme will run from

piracy to commit burglaries. The case was adjourned.

Libel win Mr Barney Eastwood, the boxing manager, was awarded £100,000 damages in settle-ment of a libel action against the News of the World at the

Attempt to

name boy

may widen

Police in Cumbria have not

ruled out the possibility of a nation-wide check on all boys

aged one to three in their efforts to identify the naked,

burned and mutilated body of

an infant found last month

abandoned on a rubbish tip at

Millom (Ronald Faux writes).

briefed at police headquarters

in Penrith before beginning the operation to check on all

If their house to house

inquiry fails to produce any

clue to the child's identity,

other forces may be brought

into the investigation.

Appeal date

An appeal by the teenag

mother Tracey Scott against a

six-month youth custody sent-ence passed last week by Judge

Pickles is to be heard by the

Court of Appeal on Monday.

TV crackdown

A Post Office crack down on TV licence dodgers resulted in

ar Bristol, and their sons,

John and Francis, appeared before Bristol magistrates yes-

terday charged with cons-

male infants in the county.

Yesterday 50 officers were

High Court in Belfast. Resort backed

The entrepreneur Mr Peter de Savary has been given the go-ahead by Penwith Council for his £200-million plan to turn the fishing port of Hayle, Cornwall, into an all-year holiday resort.

Mice gene may offer clue in fight against sickle cell anaemia By Pearce Wright Science Editor Organization, about 200,000 babies described in today's issue of sickled cells break down and blood are born each year with sickle cell flow improves, bringing new oxy-

The faulty gene that causes sickle inherited human blood disorder, has been transferred to a strain of genetically engineered mice by a medical research group in north

Scientists hope that a study of the mice will indicate a new approach to the treatment of the disease, in a field of research that has had more than its share of disappointments

over the past 30 years. According to the World Health

anaemia. Many sufferers die in chikhood and few live longer than 40 years. In addition, people with the disease are more susceptible to infections. The incidence is highest among those of African, Spanish, Greek, Italian, Turkish and Indian

In the latest research aimed at improving treatment, a team working with Dr Frank Grosveld, of the National Institute for Medical Research, at Mill Hill, north-west London, have devised a method for creating the transgenic mouse that is

The blood cells of the mice have the characteristic deformity of the molecule of haemoglobin, which takes on a sickle shape instead of a smooth pillow-shape. But the mice do not suffer the same sort of anaemia, in which the sickle-shaped blood cells jam up in the narrow blood vessels and prevent life-giving

tually abate on their own, as the

oxygen reaching needy tissues. As blocked arteries starve for oxygen, more and more blood cells become sickle-shaped, enlarging the region of pain. Most crises even-

gen. The illness can be alleviated to some extent by treatment with new

The cells of about 8 per cent of the most susceptible populations carry one copy of the abnormal haemoglobin gene along with one normal version. They are said to be carriers and to have "sickle cell trait".

If two carriers have a child, however, there is a 25 per cent chance he or she will inherit two abnormal genes and, thus, have the disease. In addition to its significance as a cause of human suffering,

historic position in the rise of research in molecular biology and

In 1958, sickle cell's abnormal haemoglobin became the first protein whose altered function could be traced to a specific change in the amino acids making up its structure and thus to a specific change in the gene that governed the creation of the haemoglobin.

The story of sickle cell anaemia, it has turned out, is the story of genes and how the genetic code controls the life not only of the red blood cell but of every other cell as well.

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Times interview with Foreign Secretary

Hurd insists forced repatriation of boat people must go on

By George Brock and Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

are to be sent back to Vietnam against their will, the Foreign Secretary told The Times, at the same time reaffirming his intention to move "further and faster" on democracy in

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> disclose his plans during a visit to Hong Kong this weekend, he said, although he acknowledged that this decision would disappoint hopes in the colony and that he would be accused of "kowtow-

> He said Britain's aim was to achieve lasting continuity in local constitutional arrangements despite the transfer of sovereignty over Hong Kong to China in 1997.

The repatriation of 51 Vietnamese in December was not a once-only event, he said in the interview. "We have shown them (countries which object to the scheme) that this is not a pretence, and we are ready to take difficult dewe are going to need to go on

Among those who have said. strongly criticized the scheme United Nations High Comssioner for Refugees. But, Mr Hurd said, he had discussed the matter with Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, and Mr James Baker, the US Mr James Baker, the US cision; it's not going to be a Secretary of State, and had joint decision," he said. found more understanding than he expected. Any signs of a changed attitude, however,

emained tentative. The delay in resuming the compulsory repatriation of speculation that Britain may be waiting for a meeting of the steering committee of the International Conference on Indochina Refugees in Ge-neva next Thursday, at which Foreign Office officials will gain seek acceptance of the scheme and try to persuade the UN High Commissioner

Mr Hurd insisted, however, that Britain had not deliberately held back a decision until the Geneva meeting. He about the date when compulsory repatriations would resume, but it would not be before his arrival in Hong Kong on Saturday.

compulsory repatriation in a statement to the Conservative Mr Hurd: "Repatriation is and then do it". backbench foreign affairs

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More Vietnamese boat people committee yesterday. "I be- hostility over the British Govlieve that the repatriation of refugees is the only realistic course available," he said.

ernment's plan to give 55,000

heads of household the right

to live in Britain with their

families. Whitehall is not

expecting a repeat of the large

demonstrations which greeted Sir Geoffrey on his visit.

utive Council and and Leg-

islative Council will press him

to improve the package, which

is smaller than some had

tinuing opposition from Conservative backbenchers. Mi

Hurd told the foreign affairs

committee: "We have to per-

suade Parliament that the

scheme strikes a fair balance

between our duty to Hong

Kong and our duty to main-

tain effective controls on

Mr Hurd will arrive in

Hong Kong just after Sir

David Wilson, the Governor,

returns from an important

that the concept of "one

country, two systems", the

basis of the Sino-British Joint

Declaration, was in their

Asked if it were still realis-

a defensive and critical

tic, he said: "I don't know of

any other. They certainly are

mood, but at the same time

they do hold to that concept."

would not be announcing

proposals for greater democ-

racy during his visit and said

his aim was to achieve con-

tinuity in the constitutional

ing what's called the through-

train, in having arrangements in force from 1995 which the

Chinese will accept and re-

"It may not be possible.

but it's worth just seeing if we

can achieve some kind of

continuity; but that's very much the first prize."

would be accused of "kowtow-

ing" to Peking, but said the same people would criticize

the Government if there were

clearly go faster (towards

democracy) than was originally envisaged," he said.

lack of continuity. "We will

In his statement to the

backbenchers, he added: "We

are certainly not out to pick

unnecessary fights with China

... nor is it acceptable simply

to find out what China wants

He acknowledged that he

spect," he said.

There is advantage in hav-

Mr Hurd confirmed that he

Mr Hurd said Britain was trying to persuade the Chinese

visit to China.

The scheme also faces con-

Members of both the Exec-

Mr Hurd has been under pressure from Hong Kong's Legislative Council to announce proposals for more of its seats to be directly elected in the last two elections under British rule, in 1991 and 1995. Sir Geoffrey Howe undertook to review the arrangements six months ago when he was Foreign Secretary, but Mr Hurd said he was not ready.

He hinted that Britain would wait for a short time, possibly a few weeks, before making an announcement. By then the Foreign Office will know the contents of the final draft of the Basic Law, which depends on a committee meeting to be held in Peking next

While reaffirming the intention to go "further and faster" on democracy, Mr Hurd hoped the changes would be ready to take difficult decisions... so far as I can see cept and respect". "There is no actual crying need to take doing that. Of course it's not that decision now, it has to be taken reasonably soon," he

He emphasized, however, Washington and the that decisions about democratization were for Britain, not China, and did not rule out the possibility of unilateral decisions if it should prove impossible to reach agreement with Peking. "It's our de-

> Having said that Britain rould "walk a tightrope" while Chinese attitudes remain "suspicious and defensive", he hinted that Britain's strategy rested on hopes that the mood in Peking would improve before 1997.

Mr Hurd will probably face



Cult family attempt to delay murder trial

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The Lundgren family from Ohio appearing in chains in a court in San Diego after their arrest on charges of the cult murders of five members of the Avery family. The Lundgrens, from right, Jeffrey, his son Damon, and wife Alice, are opposing extradition, which could delay their return to Ohio for trial.

Right-wing disarray

Chirac threatened by party disaffection

It is a problem they have in

were in serious danger of scoring an own goal in the popularity ratings, with their public squabbling over who is the fairest of them all, the principal right-wing opposition party has gone one better with a surprise move which could split it wide open.

The Rassemblement pour la République (RPR), the party of M Jacques Chirac, the former Prime Minister, is falling apart under him. The main moan among "les militantes" is that he has failed to recover from the humiliating presidential elec-tion defeat inflicted on him by M Mitterrand in 1988.

Extraordinarily, the odd couple who have told M Chirac to stay out of it while they roll up their sleeves and try to revive the flagging RPR are two senior men who have

M Charles Pasqua, the former hardline Interior Minister years old. The destruction of old plants and darling of the party's producing fine wine is for them a crime. right-wing, who has even flirted with the National Front, has little in common with M Philippe Seguin, the about 15 to 25 years after planting. It was first

The Socialists can breathe a caring former Social Affairs political ideas. sigh of relief. Just when they and Employment Minister

> These two have nevertheless put out a joint statement declaring that the RPR "has never regained confidence in itself since its election defeat and therefore never been further from regaining that of the French people". This, they say, is because the party four or five men who have Georges Marchais, their old-

vines, gradually killing them.

Paris - A plague has hit the French wine-

producing districts of Bordeaux and Charentes

which, if not stamped out, could severely affect

the quality of some of France's favourite wines

and cognacs (Susan MacDonald writes). It

itself inside the trunk and branches of the

As every wine lover knows, the older the

vines the finer the quality of wine produced. In

reverent about the number of vines over 100

But that is what producers are having to do,

because the disease, named entypiose, kills the plant when it begins to reach it quality years —

es in the form of a fungus, which implants

common with practically every political party in France. There is a growing lack of enthusiasm for the Socialists.

discovered in France in 1977, but reached

potentially catastrophic proportions after the

rainy season in 1988. In the Charentes region

of western France, around one third of the

The powerful French wine industry has held

Bordeaux abour 40 per cent.

M Michel Rocard, the Socialist Prime Minister, runs the country on what some see as a day-to-day basis. The Socialist Party is busy

dividing itself between the

I'hreat to best French vines

and now have to persuade Messrs Pasqua and Séguin others that it is they who plan to launch their campaign for new RPR thinking at next should be President when M Mitterrand steps down month's party congress. M which is not officially for Chirac, aged 57, cannot take another five years. this lying down. Between now and then.

The Communists have everyone who is anyone in the similar problems to their counterparts in the Eastern party will have taken sides. French public opinion has bloc. With a growing number informed the pollsters it of dissenters, they have to would like the three or four work out how to get rid of M right-wing parties to present a united opposition front.

Instead, further divisions could be in store. The only happy man yesterday appeared to be M Jean-Marie Le Pen, the National Front leader. He said: "The Communists, the Socialists, the centre right and the right are disintegrating. The only party capable of responding to French people's needs is the

top-level research meetings to seek ways of fighting the disease. One of the chief National Front. • MADRID: Right-wing difficulties of detecting diseased plants is that Mme Bernadette Dubos, an expert with the Le Pen, met here yesterday to National Institute of Agronomic Research review developments in Eastinvolved in the talks, said a solution may have ern Europe and the Middle been found in the past two weeks. A new East, and to prepare for the fungicide product, Atemicep, developed by Parliament's next session, Sandoz Laboratories, now appears to be according to a spokesman effective in killing the entypiose fungus. (Reuter reports).

Peking hardliners get top Hong Kong posts

hardliners with little sym- doctrinaire hardliner. pathy for the democratic aspirations of the territory.

Mr Xu Jiatun, the veteran director of the New China News Agency and China's ambassador here will retire later this month, marking the friend of Hong Kong.

Chinese New Year with a When Mr Zhou Nan takes Chinese New Year with a farewell to seven years in over he will be heading not Hong Kong.

Horse in the post will be Mr Zhou Nan, China's Deputy Foreign Minister. He is known

It is the most open manias an uncompromising negotiator with long experience of technically illegal Chinese dealing with Britain. Communist Party in the terridealing with Britain.

He helped draft the 1984 tory, and is regarded as the Sino-British Joint Declaration official voice of China. It on Hong Kong's future, and controls all consular affairs may adopt a more confrontational style.

Mr Ke Zaishuo, the leader Hong Kong people. of the Chinese delegation to
the Sino-British Joint Liaison
The agency has long been known to have close links with Group supervising Hong pro-China activists and trade Kong's handover, is due to unions. This summer it retire at the end of February. showed its hand by sacking Mr Ke, aged 65, who last the editor of a pro-Peking October led the Chinese team newspaper who dared to speak m had a construct of the second of the secon to London for the group's first, acrimonious, meeting after China's crackdown on the Commons select committee, a democracy movement, will be group of Hong Kong liberals replaced by Mr Guo Fengmin. wrote: "We consider that the director of the influential munist Party in Hong Kong

It is the departure of Mr Xu from the New China News Agency that will have the most aged 74, has acquired a reputation as a relative liberal and a

just a news agency, but a huge Bringing in the Year of the bureaucracy of mainland cadfestation of the presence of the

> and is believed to have comprehensive files on many

out against the June massacre. In a submission to a visiting Mr Guo, aged 59, is a presence of the Chinese Com-Hong Kong and Macau Af- now and after 1997 is a breach fairs Office as well as a former of the promise in the Joint for better medical care.

China's two top men in Hong ambassador to West Germany Declaration that the socialist Kong are to be replaced by and has a reputation as a system and socialist policies will not be practised in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China.

"The Chinese Communist immediate impact. Mr Xu, Party in Hong Kong should be dismantled and the New China News Agency should wind down its operations." Observers say Mr Zhou is

no more likely to heed that advice than his predecessor. ● Vietnamese return: A group of 123 Vietnamese boat people returned to Hanoi from Hong Kong yesteray under the United Nations

sponsored "voluntary repatriation" scheme. The group, which left on a special flight, brings to nearly 1,000 the number of Vietnamese to have returned voluntarily. Another 1,200 are

waiting to leave. Meanwhile, a group of women human rights activists, led by Liv Ullmann the actress and United Nations Childrens Fund ambassador-at-large, and Ms Pat Derian, a former US Assistant Secretary of State, called for a moratorium of "at least a year" in compulsory deportations to Vietnam. They said conditions in Hong Kong's Victnamese detention camps were "appalling" and called

prompt Thatcher visit By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor Mrs Thatcher may visit South Britain believes that he in-Africa later this year after the tends taking further steps and

release of Nelson Mandela, leader of the banned African ernment to be freed early next month. A senior government source

said yesterday that the Prime Minister wanted to go to South Africa and that it was "quite possible" she would do so this year. Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, may make a preliminary visit.

The timing of Mrs Thatcher's visit would depend on Pretoria taking further steps, because she would want it to take place in the context of continuing progress towards a solution to South Africa's problems.

It was important that it should not merely serve as a "pat on the back" to Pretoria over Mandela, but should help

to point the way forward. "It will not be a case of Mandela out, Thatcher in," the source added. It is thought that she will want the signs of progress to be strong enough to warrant using British influence to secure wider international recognition of the changes President de Klerk has brought about.

There is still scepticism in many countries about his Mrs Mandela: Expects her July with Mr P. W. Botha, Mr longer-term intentions.

that Mandela's release will not be an isolated event. He is felt National Congress, who is to be making a genuine effort expected by the British Gov- to find black representatives

Mandela release could

prepared to negotiate. Most black leaders have called for the release of Mandela and all other political prisoners, the un-banning of the ANC, and the repeal of the remaining apartheid laws as a condition for

direct talks. It is not yet clear whether Mr de Klerk will move that far. Pretoria, for its part, has said the ANC may enter negotiations only if it renounces violence, which it has

The source said Mr de Klerk

was not prepared to hand over right away. He was trying to bring about measured change and to prevent serious problems in South Africa from getting out of hand.

South African state-run radio said yesterday: "It is only a matter of time before Mr Mandela's release is announced."

A daily commentary reflecting government policy said he would be freed on humanitarian grounds and because he could help create conditions for political negotiations.

Mrs Winnie Mandela, his wife, said on Monday he expected to be freed within weeks after more than a quarter of a century in prison for trying to overthrow white minority rule. The developments followed months of

speculation. While there has been no official confirmation that Mandela will be freed, government sources have said his release might be announced in late January or at the opening of Parliament in early February.

The radio said the move had been expected since Mandela expressed support for peaceful development in South Africa after a meeting in

WORLD ROUNDUP

Khmer Rouge in battle for city

Bangkok — After denying that Khmer Rouge forces had attacked the city of Battambang in western Cambodia, Defence Ministry officials in Phnom Penh yesterday admitted that an assault on the country's second largest city had begun (Neil Kelly writes).

The Khmer Rouge announced last on Sunday that it had launched its offensive two days earlier. The Cambodian Government statement said up to 200 guerrillas had launched a four-pronged assault on the city suburbs, had gained no ground but suffered heavy casualties. The Khmer Rouge said it had gained control of the city for several hours.

Korea borders offer

Seoul - President Roh of South Korea proposed open borders between North and South Korea yesterday and announced he would reduce military exercises (John Gittelsohn writes). He said: "Gone are the days when North Korea was our rival. Our people will be able to achieve our long-cherished goal of building a democratic, unified, prosperous and advanced nation before this century is out." Mr Roh said he welcomed the new year proposal by North Korea President II Sung to open the borders, "even though hard-to-understand preconditions were attached to it". Mr Kim had demanded that South Korea tear down a concrete wall on its side of the demilitarized zone. South Korea denies the wall exists.

Two triplets are twins

Le Mans (AFP) - A woman pregnant with test-tube triplets has caused havoc among French bureaucrats trying to register the babies who were born naturally - but 11 days apart, it was disclosed here yesterday. The phenomenon occurred when Mme Raymonde Pommier, aged 37, who was treated for sterility for 10 years, went into a maternity clinic in this western city on November 5. A son, Damien, was born prematurely, weighing 1.5 lb, but labour suddenly stopped and did not start again until November 16, when Guillaume and Alexandre were born. All three are doing well, but perplexed officials have registered the infants as twin boys with an older brother.

Bhutto hints at poll

Karachi - Miss Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, facing a threat of mass agitation against her beleaguered Government from opposition parties, has hinted that she may call a mid-term election (Zahid Hussain writes). Miss Bhutto, who completed a year in power last month, told the BBC that although she did not favour midterm polls she was not afraid of going to the people for a

War stragglers emerge Ban Hat Yai, Thailand (Reuter) – Two Japanese Second

World War stragglers, now in their seventies, were plucked from their Thai jungle hideout by helicopter yesterday for an emotional reunion with relatives after 45 years in the wilderness. Mr Shigeyuki Hashimoto and Mr Kiyoaki Tanaka were taken to a military hospital for check-ups when they arrived in this southern Thai town after a one-hour flight from Yala province bordering Malaysia.

Last stand on the kitchen front by Spain's macho men

From Juan Carlos Gunucio Madrid

Edward Control After nearly a decade of sweeping social change, Spain is fighting a harsh battle over the last bastlon of machismo - the Spanish household. Armed with a controversial 25second television spot, Señor Felipe González, the Socialist Prime Minister, wants to make men get off the couch and start doing the dishes.

ARROWS COLORS Predictably, the attempt has prowhere many men boast they have never ironed 2 shirt or mopped 2 floor. Wessen government officials fighting back with a vengeance.

The campaign is a response to statistics showing that six out of 10 men never do domestic chores. A recent study by the government's Institute for Women established that those who do share the housework spend only two hours and 45 minutes on it a week, while their wives or live-in girlfriends spend at least six hours. The television campaign is a

clever approach to the problem: it shows a smiling Spanish yappie while a male voice praises his virtues

claim a radical change is already as a modern, responsible father and under way, but the stereotype is 2 model citizen. "Furthermore, he has never broken a plate in his life. Of course. Because like most men, when he gets home, he does nothing." The smile abruptly disappears and a plate smashes to pieces on the

floor. "Smash mequality," urges the announcer, inviting men to roll up their sleeves and start helping out. "It is a hint that we hope will spark a revolution," says Schora Carmen Martinez Ten, the energetic director of the institute. "Important

changes are taking place for women

and political rights, but attitudes at he says, is just a fad and a real change remains unthinkable. "Men However, diehard macho Span-

iards are vowing to keep tradition alive and access Señora Martínez Ten of violation of privacy and sub-"Feminists already got what they

wanted - more jobs and governmen posts, Señor Javier Altamirano, a mber, aged 45, says. "My wife's job is at home. Why should Señora Martinez Ten want to try to change life in my household?" Señor Fernando de Miguel, a prominent Spanish sociologist, takes it more calmly. The campaign,

consider it a joke, a waste of goverment money," he says. "Curiously, women are adopting a pater-nalistic attitude and that, by their own definition, is a form of machismo."

According to Sedor Francisco Umbral, a best-selling writer and newspaper columnist, "men in aproas inevitably provoke giggles. But this may change simply because cooking is in fashion. Pius, it has been demonstrated that the best way to get a girl to your bedroom is by inviting her to your kitchen."

Secret revival of security agency alarms Germans

The bitter political row over party's leader who is also East over the Government's at-government plans to restore a Germany's acting head of tempt to establish an Office government plans to restore a Germany's acting head of tempt to establish an Unice limited state security service state, agreed to resign the for the Protection of the in East Germany took a fresh twist yesterday when it was after pressure from the rank claimed that such an office had already been covertly re-

An East German newspaper Der Morgen, the organ of the Liberal Democratic party printed a facsimile of an envelope bearing the sender's details: "GDR Council of Ministers - Office for the Protection of the Constitu-

The sender's address was that of the former Office of National Security in the Lichtenberg district of East

A spokesman for the East German Government later confirmed that an Office for the Protection of the Constitution was already being set up although he denied it was functioning. The spokesman could not say whether employees of the new office used to work for the Ministry of State Security. The Liberal Democratic Party, one of the main props of the communistled coalition government, declared on Tuesday night that it was preparing to leave the

Herr Manfred Gerlach, the

party leadership yesterday and file. He had been criticized for his long co- government-opposition talks operation with the previous

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The declaration also reflected complaints that the Government, in which Herr Hans Modrow is Prime Minister, was intending to restore undemocratic structures and said: "The old music is now being played again by a recast orchestra." Disagreement such an office would enable

Constitution before the May election was a key reason behind postponement of the on Monday.

The leading opposition group New Forum has said it will quit the talks for good if such an office is set up but the Government insists one is necessary to contain the activities of extreme right-wing

Honecker surgery

East Berlin (Reuter) - Herr Erich Honecker, the disgraced former East German leader, had a successful operation to remove a tumour from his right kidney yesterday, the official

ADN news agency said.

"The patient is in good condition, considering the circumstances," the report said, adding that the operation had taken place at East Berlio's Charite Hospital. The agency reported on Monday that Herr Honecker was suffering from kidney cancer.

Herr Honecker was first taken ill during a meeting of the Soviet bloc economic grouping, Comecon, in Bucharest last July. He was rushed back to East Berlin and rumours quickly

spread that he was seriously ill.

Herr Honecker, aged 77, was toppled by mass demonstrations on October 18 after running the country for more than 17 years. He is being investigated on suspicion of abuse of power and could be arrested when he recovers.

over the Government's at-tempt to establish an Office make a discreet comeback. The Christian Democratic

> Party has also said that it is thinking of leaving the governing coalition if the communists do not ruling Socialist Unity (communist) Party does not act more democratically. Der Morgen quotes Herr Peter Koch, the government official charged with dissolving the existing Office of National Security, as

saying that it would be "fool-ish to dissolve something completely just to set it up anew". Comments such as this suggest that the Government is seemingly prepared to forgo democracy in order to avoid such "foolishness". • BONN: The recent dis-

armament initiative by Herr Gregor Gysi, the East German communist party leader, took not only the West by surprise, it also stunned Admiral Theodor Hoffman, his own Defence Minister (Reuter reports). Admiral Hoffman told the

eekly Stern magazine that Herr Gysi's proposal for halving troop numbers in East and West Germany by next year and calling for all foreign troops to leave German soil by 1999 left him "just as surprised as everyone else."

Lithuanian gift to Kremlin chief



Mr Vadim Medvedev, the Krendin's ideology chief (centre), receiving traditional hospitality at a farm near Vilnius yesterday.

Kohl fears new Berlin exodus as communists argue over reform

From Ian Murray, Bonn

The Bonn Government is increasingly worried about the way the political debate in East Germany is developing, Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, admitted here yesterday. If reforms did not rapidly bring

improvements to living standards there he feared that the mass exodus of its citizens to the West would accelerate beyond the present rate of almost 2,000 a day. To try to prevent that he said he would continue negotiations for a cooperation treaty and would, as promised, meet Herr Hans Modrow, the East German Prime Minister, at the beginning of next month.

He told his traditional new-year press conference that the arguments between the communist-dominated transitional Government and the opposition groups over access to the media ahead of the promised free elections on May 6 "fills us with growing concern".

The draft East German election law, published last weekend, seeks to stop all

foreign financial aid to political parties a measure aimed specifically at preventing West German involvement. At the same time the communists are known to be making use of their dominance in the coalition government to hold office space, printing facilities and media time for the election campaign.

The Chancellor said yesterday that this was wrong. "The process of democratization with the goal of free elections in East Germany must now be continued without transparent manoeuvres and without hindrance," he said. This meant that the new election law

must be approved by the opposition. The opposition had to be given an equal chance in the election — "that means, for example, the unrestricted presence of the opposition on television, radio and in the newspapers of East Germany".

The Chancellor was also critical of the way in which the East German communists were trying to recreate the Stasi, the hated state security police, who were supposed to be disbanding. Keeping such a force was contrary to the interests and hopes of the East Germans, he said. As far as future economic co-opera-

tion, the Chancellor showed he was also concerned at the slowness of the East Berlin Government in opening the way for Western investment, through making a free market economy possible.

For these reasons he was determined to go ahead with his meeting with Herr Modrow at the beginning of next month. That would give a good opportunity to talk about the problems. If he failed to talk even more East Germans would decide to leave their country.

The Interior Ministry yesterday released figures showing that 14,226 East Germans had decided to move to the West in the first eight days of this year. This rate, approaching 1,800 a day, has been constant since before Christmas and is evidence that Chancellor Kohl's fears are justified. Should the communists succeed in dominating the elections there is strong reason to believe the disappointed East Germans will flood across the border in much greater

Although he understands the need for rapid improvements in East German living standards, Chancellor Kohl seems unlikely to sign the formal co-operation treaty between the two countries until after the elections. Delaying until then would both deny Herr Modrow preelection publicity and credit for negotiating the treaty and at the same time exert extra pressure on the communists to see that the elections are as fair as possible.

Recent polls, both by West and East research organizations, suggest that the East German communists are beginning to recover credibility after their purge of the top leadership. The most recent poll prepared by the East German Academy of Social Sciences shows they have 34 per cent support, with the local Christian Democratic Party next with just 7.9 per cent and New Forum scoring just 5.8 per cent. These results do not seem to tally with the popular support at demonstrations for reunification, but as yet this is an idea which is rejected by virtually all the parties.

The Academy is communist-orientated, but whether the figures have been massaged or not they show that the party, which has considerable experience in such matters, is controlling preelection publicity to its advantage. The opposition parties are newcomers to the political scene, with unclear platforms and little or no real party organization to compete with the communist machine. Herr Modrow has admitted that the party is unlikely to win an overall majority in the election, but at present the communists appear on course to be

the dominant party in a coalition. The improving position of the communists means that his meeting with Herr Modrow is causing trouble inside Chancellor Kohi's Government.

Count Otto Lambsdorff, chairman of the Free Democrats, the junior coalition partners, wants it cancelled on the grounds this would give publicity to the leading communist candidate. Frau

Cornelia Schmalz-Jacobsen, the Free Democrats' general secretary, has also complained about the way the communists appear to be trying to manipulate the election. She has called on them to observe the ground rules of democracy and told them that they have "no pre-emptive right to government

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To offset communist control of the media Herr Norbert Blüm, the Christian Democratic Labour Minister, has suggested that the East German opposition groups should be given time on West German television and radio, which have large audiences in East Germany.

Herr Modrow is, nevertheless, still seen individually as a sincere reformer and credible leader by West German politicians. Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the opposition Social Democrat leader, has decided to meet him next weekend in East Berlin, despite some criticism from within his own party at giving the importance of the communist's leading candidate a further boost in this way.

Criticism grows of new Romania regime Economic hangover after From Christopher Walker, Bucharest

students, old-style dissidents us were initially Communists and aspiring politicians, Roelectoral law will be published next week after a national day

member front to distance itself sufficiently from the old Communist regime combined with its enthusiasm to play a central political role have led to increasing criticism as the seven registered political par- threat that his party - whose ties jockey for power.

Much of the criticism centres on the prominent role being played by the Army in the running of the country and the front's determination to press ahead with elections as early as April, with its own candidates taking part.

Yesterday Mr Silviu Brucan, one of the front's leaders, former ambassador to the US and UN under Ceausescu, sought to allay public fears and responded to criticisms of

- some were even leading Communists but because they were the very few who had the of mourning for the revolu-tion's victims declared for Friday. courage to oppose Ceausescu's dictatorship," he said. "Let the other political parties show as good credentials."

Mr Valentin Gabrielescu, a spokesman for the revived National Peasants Party, one of the better-organized groups, led the attack on the post-revolutionary rulers with the roots stretch back to the 1920s

- would abstain from the poll unless the front agreed to postpone it until later in the

In an interview which reflected the rapid dissipation of the post-revolutionary cuphoria, Mr Gabrielescu said:
"We are very discontented
and have already made an official protest to the National Salvation Front. We deeply doubt their stated intention to hold free and fair elections."

Amid rising discontent among Romanian dissident. "All of equipment needed for elec- be keen to cover up the extent posts under Ceausescu's Commanian's ruling National members of the party — but copiers. Its leaders allege that onstrators, before it changed Salvation Front has an they are now in the position of the front maintains a monop-sides to back them. nounced that a new draft leaders not because they were oly on the main levers of power, especially the single Romanian television channel. Mr Gabrielescu was scath-

ing about the front's decision to use military tribunals to try members of the security forces, notably the hated Securitate secret police, who oppose the revolution. He shares a belief with other critics of the interim admin-



the Communists made on The peasants party, like Monday by Mrs Doina Corother nascent parties, points Mr Brucan: Trying to quell nea, aged 60, the leading to the lack of elementary fears about new government.

tioneering such as stationery, of its own early involvement telephones, desks and photo- in firing on unarmed dem-

> The peasants party spokesman claimed that the trials should have been staged in front of civilian courts to enable the public to partake, rather than having to watch selected proceedings which are now being shown on Romanian television.

Referring to the front's controversial decision to stand in the election of which it is supposed, in the absence of other competent bodies, to be an impartial arbiter, Mr Gabrielescu said: "What can you understand from their decision to take part? How can you take part if you are not a political party? In our opinion, the election will be a disaster if it is beld in April."

The peasants party, which is fighting on a traditionalist and conservative programme, yesterday published its platform, which includes the reintroduction of a market economy and the restoration of property to the peasants. It said member"Down with communism.
ship was open to all except Throw away your (party)
those who held senior official cards."

munist dictatorship. More controversial is the

platform of the National Liberal Party, another pol-itical revival from Romania's democratic past. Its leadership has already called for the return of the exiled King Michael, who abdicated from the throne at pistol-point in 1947 and now lives in Geneva. It has also called for the abolition of the Romanian Communist Party.

The front has said that the King is welcome to return as an ordinary citizen but there has been no indication if he is willing to take up this offer.

Popular hatred for Communism is evident in many of the hundreds of slogans daubed on walls and windows in Bucharest. One of the largest, in red letters more than 2st high greeted Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, when he arrived last Saturday to hold a press conference at the Intercontinental Hotel. "Jos comunismul. Aruncati carnetele," it demanded. "Down with communism.

the Ceausescu downfall From Roger Boyes, Bucharest

teenager, Kalashnikov on his knees, half-puffing, half-chewing a Kent cigarette.

been madness to smoke the American cigarettes that have become Romania's alternative currency. Bare shops emptied the official currency, the leu, of its meaning, yet Ceausescu banned the possession of hard currencies.

Special permits, rarely issued, were needed to enter hard-currency shops and the dollar black-market was conwhose main operators collaborated with the Securitate.

The devastating earthquake of 1977 brought tons of West-ern aid, and, for some reason, hundreds of thousands of hundreds of thousands of engaged in active deception. cartons of Kent cigarettes which promptly became a piece of cosmetic surgery, the safe, reserve currency for

No more. Under a revolutionary edict, Romanians are free to travel abroad providing

palace squats the quintessence overnight, Romania has bein 1986, dropped to 3.2 per of the Romanian revolution: a come (like Poland and East cent by 1988 and yet was Germany) a nation of money changers.

Kents, for the first time, can A month ago it would have be smoked with an easy

If only all Romania's economic adjustments were so straightforward. The country resembles a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, who can begin a cure. The official statistics book

shrank year by year under fined to a very small circle Ceausescu because it is beyond even the most sophisticated computer stolen from the West to calibrate the lies. The targets were so unrealistically high that every factory first three years of the present five-year plan (started 1986) shows a dramatic decline of the economy.

National income (the Soviet

In the corner of a ransacked to finance their trip. And so, reportedly grew by 7.3 per cent supposed almost to treble to 8.9 per cent in 1989.

These were just the reported figures. The real picture is still a mystery.

The one relatively reliable measure is foreign trade and foreign indebtedness, since other countries can blow the whistle on obviously faked first has to admit publicly to statistics. These figures show his problem, and assess and recount every detail before he imports, wiped clean Romania's external debt. At the beginning of the 1980s, Romania owed between \$10.5 and \$11 billion (£6.5 and £6.8 billion) to Western creditors. By the middle of 1989 Ceausescu announced that he had paid off every penny. There seems to be about \$300 or \$400 million owing to private banks, but nobody has openly contested the dictator's

If the revolution dismantles the Ceausescu economic order without putting anything in its place it will have squandered

New scandals on dictator's family

Bucharest press gives lowdown on high life

Nearly three weeks after the tion, Romanians are still being bombarded by their newly liberated media with mind-boggling disclosures about the excesses of the Ceausesco regime and its

The revelations of greed, cruelty, perversity and meg-alomania would have caused concern in any country, but they have proved doubly distressing in one so poor that many were forced on to a diet of stewed nettles and chicken's eet, and even a 60-watt light

bulb was a luxury.

A prime candidate for intimate revelations has been be in her late 30s, the highliving daughter of Romania's executed dictator Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife Elena. A Bucharest newspaper said yesterday that she had had a long line of lovers, was a seasoned traveller and was almost permanently drunk.

from home her mother ordered a nationwide search, mobilizing the militia and secret police, *Tineretul Liber* (Free Youth), an independent daily,

Miss Ceansescu was arrested hours before her parents were executed by an army firing squad on December 25. She and her playboy brother, Nicu, are in detention awaiting trial. No trace has been found of their adopted brother

Tineretal Liber said Miss Ceausescu fell in love very easily and her escorts ranged from government ministers to simple barmen. "When she saw a handsome man she wouldn't let him go until she had hooked him," it said.

The newspaper said she was a nymphomaniac who courted ex-convicts and saw that they were propelled to top positions in industry if "she considered them to be good lovers".

the leading daily, Adevaral (Truth), told how Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu terrorized the population of the pic-turesque lakeside resort of Snagov near Bucharest, where they had one of their many opulent residences. The article said the couple always referred to the locals as "worms" in their conversations with of-ficials. They issued orders that during their brief periods in residence, cocks in the farm-

crow, dogs had to be stopped barking and church bells were prevented from ringing. According to accounts by dents, Mr Emil Bobu, one of the dictator's aides, used to shoot with cartridges filled with salt anyone found picking left-over vegetables after the harvest on land around the

When the Ceausescus took ruling family's life in Snagov came after a bizarre filmed tour of their residences in the over the residence, buildings and vegetation were buildozed

yards were not allowed to

Black Sea resort of Neptune Yesterday's supplement to over a wide area. Elena issued orders that no cereal crops were to be planted on the cleared land in case they commentary on their appalling

provided cover for snipers. Romanians said the article was further proof of the dic-tator's paranoia. This is traced to a conversation in the early 1970s when President Castro of Cuba suposedly informed Ceausescu of an alleged CIA plot to take his own life with a form of poisonous oil to be rubbed on his shoes. After that, Ceausescu introduced a system whereby his suits and shoes were incinerated at the end of each day.

A storeroom in which hundreds of new items of clothing and footwear are still kept, remains closed to journalists because it has been used to store gold items taken from his homes and offices. The disclosures about the

the dictator's start in life as a The cameras lingered over antiques and *objets d'art*, which, despite their obvious high cost, would have won prizes in any competition for kitsch. The highlight of the

40-minute tour came when the

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Revolutionary television

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humble origins, and many obscene jokes circulate around

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presenter picked through a pile of 365 silk brocade curtains, one for every day of the well-stocked wine cellar and given an account of how soldiers were ordered to plough up the sand every

that they have enough dollars bloc equivalent of GNP) an important opportunity. Prince's first visit home

By Jamie Dettmer

A Romanian prince flew to Bucharest yes-terday aboard a relief flight to become the first member of the country's exiled royal family to step foot in Romania for nearly 40 years.

Prince Paul a Paris-based property devel-

oper, emphasized that he was not going to Romania to proclaim the right of the royal family to return. "I don't think it is the time to state anything grand," he said. "It will be the first time I have visited the

country and I just want to see it for myself."
His planned visit nearly failed when the British airline chartered to operate the relief flight, which contained medical supplies and food, pulled out for security reasons after discovering that the prince would be aboard. Air Europe complained to the organizers, the Relief Fund for Romania, about Prince

Paul's presence and claimed that a a full list of

the 160 passengers was not supplied. It also objected to the large number of journalists planning to go on the flight who failed to provide details of their employers. In a statement issued later, the airline said: 'In view of the tense and delicate political situation in Romania and the total inability of the organizers of the charity to clarify who wished to travel and why, we felt we had no option but to stand down the mission."

Air Europe offered £10,000 to the relief fund and to transport the supplies at its own cost.

Later, there were chaotic scenes at Gatwick airport when journalists, television crews and expatriate Romanians had to fight for the 97seats aboard a last-minute replacement au-craft, a BAC-111, supplied by British Island Airways. The flight was delayed by almost two-

Mr Nicolae Ratiu, a spokesman for the Refief Fund for Romania, said he could not understand the basis for Air Europe's decision

He said: "We planned the flight weeks ago. Air Europe put a Boeing 737 at our disposal and we decided the best way to use it would be to invite expatriate Romanians and interested Britons to come along with 25 kilos each of essential supplies. Everything was proceeding smoothly until Air Europe's sudden change of

Prince Paul was born in Paris in January 1920 after his father, Prince Carol, who now lives in London, ran off with and married Ziza Lambrino, a Romanian commoner.

• Family planning: A British doctor will arrive in Bucharest today to help with a family planning policy for the country. Dr Tim 3 Rutter, a consultant with the Marie Stopes or ganization, said Bucharest hospitals were facing a "critical situation with over 200 pregnant women turning up every day asking

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Social Security.

He said that this was new money and would be made available over the next three

The Opposition disputed that

it was new money. Mr Michael Meacher said that most of it would be clawed back by cuts in

other benefits. "It is not acceptable to transfer money from one

group of claimants to another".

Mr Newton said that his

proposals built in a practical and constructive way on what the Government had done over the past 10 years during which benefits for the long-term sick and disabled had "massively"

His proposals would bring extra help to 850,000 people in

the next few years.

The extra amounts were £84 million in 1990-91;£138 million in 1991-92 and £213 million in

He linked them to the Gov-ernment's proposals on commu-

nity care and to a consultative

document to be published shortly on training and employ-ment services for disabled

Together with those moves, this improved structure of disability benefits reflected the

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the Commons on Tuesday night, after an Opposition mo-tion to deny the Bill a second

reading was rejected by 253 votes to 213 - Government



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The meeting of the Comecon council here was the first since a tide of changes swept through East Europe late last internal market to imports. year, loosening the com- Mr Stepan Sitaryan, a munist grip on power in the Soviet delegate, said: "We MARCH STATE OF THE Western-style democracy and

A £300 million package of side the statement and for the help for the disabled was announced in the Commoney will be met by savings or clawbacks on other benefits. mons by Mr Tony Newton, Secretary of State for Almost none is net new money

£300m for disabled

is not new money,

says Opposition

to the social security system." The £100 million cost of the new package of measure an-nounced in October was largely accounted for by the £80 million cut in statutory sick pay.

The Opposition welcomed the new disability allowance, but only one in 40 disabled people would be eligible and, once again, a third of the cost would be clawed back by cuts in other benefits.

The new disability employment credit was extremely limited, reaching only one in 30 disabled people of working age. The whole of the cost would be converted by the cost would be converte covered by savings made from other benefits so that this was merely a transfer within the social security system.

As an income-related benefit, it would confine disabled people to low-paid jobs (Conservative

The statement also contained two big losses for disabled people. Mr Newton was ending the build-up of new rights to earnings-related addition to invalidity benefit — a huge retro-grade step for disabled people.

"The extent of their loss is Government as a result of this

£350 million by 1998. disability benefits reflected the Government's firm commitment to improving the quality of life for disabled people.

Mr Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on social security, said that an improvement in disability benefits was desperately needed. But, after they had waited 10 years, this amouncement fell far short of the real answer. a comprehen-"The significance of today's announcement is that it creates for the first time a two-nation

cut ... will save no less than

approach to disablement."
Two thirds of all disabled people – those aged 60 and over were to be treated as secondclass citizens. That, and the huge cut in invalidity pensions, amounting to £350 million a year, was a promise of poverty for the elderly disabled.

sive disability income.

"Seven out of eight disabled people are left completely out-

bodies, Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enter-

prise, funded by the Secretary of State.

million by 1992-93.
"The Opposition", he said, welcomes any genuine im-provement in benefits for disabled people.
"But today's announcement

with its distorting mirrors and clawbacks of savings on other benefits, and transfers between claimants within the social security system, is regrettably more political rhetoric and 'hype' than real substance. Mr Newton said that he had

rarely heard such an ungenerous response to a very substantial package of improvements. This was net new money.
On the age-related addition to

severe disablement allowance, there would be some offset in income-related benefits, but there would be a net increase in when the change had been fully

If the earnings-related addi-tion to invalidity benefits and the reduced earnings allowance had been left unchanged they would have built up entitle ments in the next century (Labour MPs: What's wrong with that?) which would have made it difficult to announce

Desnite that, there would be a net increase in spending beyond that previously planned in every remaining year of the present Mr Archy Kirkwood, Liberal

Democrat spokesman on social security and welfare, said that there was a heavy emphasis on disabled people in work, and there was concern that those beyond pensionable age would e ignored.

Mr Newton said that the

Social Security Advisory Com-mittee felt that the first priority for extra resources should be for capped, or those disabled early in life.

Second reading for Scottish Bill Mr Hurd: I have discussed elopment Agency and the High-lands and Islands Development Board, and also the training agencies for the two areas.

The Bill also provides for the Scottish new town development votes to 213 — Government

Those bodies would replace, corporations and the trans
majority, 40. The Bill aims to respectively, the Scottish Devtheir assets and liabilities.



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Lord Ennals (left) and Mr Timothy Raison, who are both former Foreign Office ministers, visiting yesterday one of the families of boat people whom the Government sent home compulsorily to Vietnam from Hong Kong last month

US 'shows Further aid considered sympathy'

When the subject of the boat people was raised at question time in the Commons, Mr Douglas Hurd, Foreign Secretary, said there was increasing understanding in the United States of what Britain is trying to achieve in Hong Kong and that Britain and Hong Kong deserve more help and understanding from the international community than they had so far

Mr Christopher Mullin (Sunderland, South, Lab) asked whether Mr Hurd had had the opportunity to put to Mr James Baker, the Secretary of State, that it would be a good idea if the United States called off the Vietnam war and ended its trade and aid embargo on Vietnam with a view to stopping the flow

the whole issue of boat people and will do so again when, as I hope, I visit Washington about the end of the month.

Mr Hurd said later that US reaction to the return of the 51 people to Vietnam had been a good deal more moderate than

The Government was considering what further assistance it could give to countries in East Europe in addition to the \$100 million (£60,600,600) already given to the international Stabilization Fund for Poland and financial belp to Hungary, Mr William Waldegrave, Min-ister of State for Foreign and

Commonwealth Affairs, told the Commons during question time. He added: We will respond positively to these countries as they put in place political and economic reforms.

Mr Gerald Howarth (Cannock and Burntwood, C) said that since socialism had destroyed the economies of East Europe, would it not be best to advise them how to create liberal

market economies:

Mr Waldegrave said that the
Polish and other governments
had made clear that the last
thing they wanted was Stalanist
or socialist economies.

Mr John Maples (Lewisham West, C) said that private investment by Western commercial companies would be of immense help to Poland and other East European countries. Mr Waldegrave agreed. One of the demands made by Mr Lech Walesa on his visit here

was for private investment. The Government was now helping

EASTERN EUROPE Poland and Hungary to lib-

eralize their economies and with privatization and the establishment of capital markets. Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) said that help to East Europe must not be at the expense of British industry, especially the textile industry.

Mr Waldegrave said that dumping as defined under international regulations was not permissible. The best thing we could do for those countries trying to join in world trade was trying to join in world trace was to open our markets to them.

Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley East, Lab) said that a realistic approach would be along the lines of the Marshall Plan because, if their economies were not helped to work, democratization would not work.

Mr Woldstreet and that he

Mr Woldegrave said that he

agreed with the analysis but not the analogy. Mr Nicholas Soames (Crawley, C) said that cultural links should be encouraged.

Mr Waldegrave said that one of the first demands from East Europe was for English-lan-guage teaching.

Mr George Roberton, an

eign affairs, said that it was time for a more appropriate and comprehensive aid plan for the newly democratized countries. newly democratized countries.

The Government could take the lead by bringing together the rich Western countries in putting together a sizeable and imaginative package.

Mr Waldegrave said that Britain had contributed £250 million to Poland alone this year. It was Britain that had

year. It was Britain that had taken the lead.

Later, Sir Russell Johnston, Liberal Democrat spokesman on East-West relations, said that the European Council of Min-isters should think about helping not only the newly democratized countries in central Europe but also the Soviet Union. President Gorbachov was in trouble and it was in everyone's interest to help him.

Mr Doulgas Hurd, Foreign
Secretary, said that the changes
were not solely down to Mr
Gorbachov but also to Western
Europe and the United States
standing firm when the dictatorthing commed in average bla

ships seemed impregnable.

The Soviet Union's problems could not be solved by financial aid. They were problems of nationalities within the Soviet Union and an economy that was Forlorn hope, page 10

Security moves at airports outlined

taken to tighten airport security after the Lockerbie disaster nearly 13 months ago were outlined to MPs by Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, when he moved second reading of the Aviation and Maritime Security Bill.

The Bill is to give effect to international anti-terrorist agreements and to provide for new security measures for ships and ports similar to those for aircraft and airports.

He said that the Lockerbie investigations had already cost £7 million. The police had taken 14,000 statements, recorded about 16,000 items of property and more than 35,000 photographs had been taken. "We have been determined to learn all we can."

Immediately after Lockerbie all aspects of airport and aircraft security had been tightened. By April, there would be electronic checking of all passes issued to employees at airports.

The Aviation Security Inspectorate had been doubled and new requirements had been introduced for recruiting and

training security staffs.

Money for research and dev-elopment of equipment and techniques had been doubled.

Progress was being made towards the screening of all hold baggage on all international flights and the Government was strengthening powers covering aviation security.

The Aviation Inspectorate would be given more flexible and effective means of enforcing directions so that deficiencies in security could be remedied on the spot, if necessary by stop-ping operations until that had

been done.

Mr John Prescott, chief
Opposition spokesman on
transport, said that safety must
be top priority, but the Bill
defined the Department of Transport as the competent authority. The department had a lamentable record and had been totally inadequate in carry-ing out its safety responsi-bilities.

There had been no investiga-tion into the department's handling of the warning it received about the Lockerbie bomb.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Prime Minister. Debate on Opposition motion on the am-bulance dispute.

THE CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

over after Comecon to downfall, embrace the free market

There was an unopposed second integrate training, economic

reading for the Enterprise and development and environment-New Towns (Scotland) Bill in al improvement into two new

Sofia (Reuter) - Comecon. the Soviet-led East European trading bloc, yesterday decided at a meeting here to move towards a market-based system to replace four decades of rigid central planning and barter trade, delegates said.

After a two-day session, the Prime Ministers of the 10 Comecon states agreed to change gradually towards currency and world market prices, they said.

A commission set up to draft changes to the Comecon statutes will make proposals next month and will meet in Pragne in mid-March to discuss them, Czechoslovak officials said.

Comecon, whose members are the seven Warsaw Pact ions are not the same. We nations plus Cuba, Mongolia and Victnam, has until now decreed who exports what to where and at what price, and its accounting has been done in "transferable roubles"

step-by-step move towards trading in hard currency and at world prices, first proposed last month by Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, would get under way in 1991.

balance of payments shifts mechanisms of multilateral and other negative aspects ... co-operation". We are looking for a soft landing and not a hard land-

Moscow had proposed a threefive years, reporters present materials. said. It was not, however, clear whether any compromise had

economics.

European members that we have to move towards a market-type integration," Mr Andrei Lukanov of Bulgaria, chairman of Comecon's executive committee, said. In a closing speech, Mr

Georgi Atanasov, the Bulgarian Prime Minister, said the session had lived up to predictions that it would be "a trade based on convertible turning point in the whole development of our organization.' But Mr Miklos Nemeth, the

Prime Minister of Hungary, which will be host to the next prime ministerial session, said members still differed on exactly what new economic systems should be adopted.

"On many items our positthink monolithic unity will disappear," he told delegates. Cuba, still a hardline communist country, made clear

that it had reservations. "Introducing the market should which have no external value. in no way mean a move Mr Georgi Pirinski, the toward anarchy in production; Bulgarian Deputy Prime Min-recognizing a certain degree of ister, told reporters that the private ownership does not mean this should have a main role in society," Vice-Presi-dent Carlos Rafael Rodriguez told the session on Tuesday.

An anodyne communiqué said the meeting "underlined the necessity to decidedly "The transition has to be renew the whole system of gradual to take into account mutual co-operation and the

Czechosłovak officials said they still differed from the Soviet Union on the way the Mr Ryzhkov told Soviet pricing in hard currency and Bulgarian journalists that should work, and that Moscow's proposal could hit year transition period, but smaller countries dependent Czechoslovakia had suggested on Soviet oil and other raw

> Mr Vaclav Klaus, Czechoslovakia's Finance Minister, told journalists that, if hard currency was to be the basis, Czechoslovakia would like to see the Soviet Union open its

area and opening the way for would agree on pricing and payment conditions with each country on a bilateral basis, "The political situation has but prices must come closer to changed sharply, and there is world market values."

Markov's widow hopeful

By Michael Knipe Diplomatic Correspondent

Mrs Annabel Markov, the British widow of Georgi Markov, the Bulgarian emigre killed by a poison pellet in London 12 years ago, yesterday expressed confidence that Bulgaria's new leaders would fulfil their pledge to investigate the murder.

Mrs Markov, who has long believed that the Bulgarian Politburo ordered her husband's assassination, said she is not seeking retribution.

"I just want them to admit responsibility for what they've done," she said in Sofia yesterday after meeting Mr Aleksandr Lilov, a senior Politburo member, who is part of the party's reformist wing that has assumed control since Mr Todor Zhivkov, the veteran Bulgarian Communist leader, was ousted last month.

Asked if Mr Lilov made any acknowledgment that Bulgaria's former hardline leaders were linked to her husband's death, Mrs Markov said: "There was not a specific admission. But he said this had been a terrible time for Bulgaria, and things had happened that shouldn't have happened."

Mrs Markov said Bulgaria needed to make a break with its Stalinist past by acknowledging the mistakes of the old regime,"to build a kind of society where this could never happen again."

Mr Dimitar Zhulev, the Bulgarian ambassador to Britain, told Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, on Tuesday that a commission of inquiry was being set up.



help resolve the mystery surrounding her husband's murder. "He gave the impression he would like the Europe. inquiry to happen as soon as

Mrs Markov said Mr Lilov lected memoirs. These include ordinary person."

Mrs Markov: Not after retribution for husband's murder. had expressed a firm desire to the text of a number of Bulgarian-language broadcasts he made from London on the BBC and Radio Free

She said what her husband had written about Zhivkov Mr Lilov described Markov was mild compared with what as one of Bulgaria's finest is now appearing about the writers and pledged that for ousted leader. "But this was the first time Bulgaria would enough to get him killed then publish The Truth That because it was impossible to Killed, his posthumously col- talk about Zhivkov as an Hungarian ban on political advertising

Clash over 'media bias'

From Ernest Beck, Budapest

As Hungary's 28 officially registered political parties gear up for the country's first free elections in more than 40 years, controversy has erupted over the role of the largely state-controlled broadcasting media's reporting the campaign on a fair and independent basis.

An official media watchdog commission charged with overseeing radio and televison news reporting yesterday placed a complete ban on all paid political advertising until January 23, when it hopes to implement an ethical code of conduct on campaign coverage. The election is set for March 25.

The ban, however, was rejected immediately by at least two influential opposition parties, the Alliance of Free Democrats and Social Democrats, which wanted to launch their campaigns this week. They say that the ban only helps the chances of the ruling Socialist Party which is better known and financed than the opposition.

In addition, the head of the official media commission is Mr Imre Pozsgay, the influen-tial Minister of State and the Socialist Party's powerful second-in-command, who last week was also appointed to run his party's entire election campaign.

"The ban is deleterious and violates the principle of equal chances," a spokesman for the two opposition parties said. He noted that equal access to the media will be a crucial factor in the election as many of the new parties are not well director and yesterday the orthodox Marxists.

known outside the Budapest editor-in-chief of the tele-Not surprisingly, the Socialist Party has said that it

accepts the advertising ban.

The 15-member multi-party media commission itself has aroused considerable suspicion since it was formed last year as it had the power to hire and fire editors, change programmes, and determine editorial content, imposing what many journalists said was merely multi-party censorship

Prague (AP) - A total of 72

people were killed and 266 seriously injured during the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia, the Lidova Demokracie daily said yesterday in the first official disclosure of a casualty toll. Quoting a report by the Čzechoslovak Prosecutor-General, the daily said the fatalities had occurred by September 3, 1968 — 13 days after the Soviet-led invasion.

instead of one-party censorship which existed under the communist regime.

Mr Pozsgay, who had resigned as head of the commission last year after announcing his candidacy for President, was recently persuaded to assume the post again under a re-organization scheme which many people to 50,000 from over 700,000 claim now gives him even since their transformation more authority.

vision news division, as various forces and factions fight for control in the vacuum left by the abolition of a central state authority.

According to a new law, all political parties are to receive government funding, based on membership, with part of the money being allocated to fi-nance the election campaign. But the high cost of paid political advertising will make free air time on the widely watched evening television news essential for opposition success in their first nationwide contest with the Socialist

(former communist) Party. Meanwhile, the Socialist Party has given the first details of its election strategy, announcing that it will name candidates in all the individual constituencies, as well as county and national lists, for the new 400-member multiparty Parliament.

A party spokesman told iournalists that the main campaign themes would be attaining "stability and progress" in a society freed from poverty and building a modern Hun-gary linked to Western Europe, all within a left-wing perspective which has completely repudiated Stalinism.

The Socialists, who have seen their membership shrink from the communist party, Since then the state tele-ruled out any coalition with vision network has been the the newly-formed Hungarian scene of turmoil and political Socialist Workers' Party, in-fighting which has already which comprises the Socialled to the resignation of the ists' hardline, old guard of

Albania says it will resist foreign pressure to reform

By Our Foreign Staff

The Albanian communist party yesterday firmly ruled out joining the rest of Eastern Europe in introducing democratic reforms.

The party newspaper, Zeri i Popullit, said: "Those who think the time has come to intervene in Albania after the changes in Eastern Europe should know Tirana will continue along the path of socialism, and no force can prevent that." Albania would not allow anyone

to interfere in its internal affairs, it

said, and denounced what it called

"a slander campaign from abroad"

aimed at overthrowing the

Zeri i Popullit dismissed allegations that four ethnic Greeks, the Prassos brothers, had been tortured and killed for trying to leave the country and for advocating Greek religious freedom. It said exiles were taking advantage of the allegations to urge Albanians to join the East European wave of revolutions.

It criticized "reactionary circles" in Greece, the press in eastern Yugoslavia and Albanian emigres. Former King Leka, Albania's exiled monarch who has urged his

countrymen to overthrow the charge d'affaires in Tirana that screened a video of the family hardline communist regime, was an "arms and drugs dealer" who has fled to South Africa, the party newspaper claimed.

Albania has stalled on a Greek government request to prove that the four Prassos brothers are alive. A Greek government spokesman said yesterday that the Albanian

request by a senior Greek diplomat to meet the brothers but refused immediate access to the family. An Albanian Foreign Ministry Under-Secretary told the Greek

confidence by Greece in the Albamian authorities", Mr Prokopis Pavlopoulos, the Government spokesman, said in Athens.

The Greek charge d'affaires had asked Albania's Foreign Ministry for permission to meet the brothers Government did not object to the after Archbishop Seraphim, the Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, said they were tortured and murdered while trying to flee Albania last October. Last Friday the Albanian Embassy in Athens

allowing immediate access to the celebrating the new year. The embrothers would signify "a lack of bassy identified the family as the Prassos brothers and relatives.

On Tuesday Mr Antonis Samaras the Greek Foreign Minister, asked Albania to prove the brothers were alive. At a press conference yesterday, representatives of northern Epirot associations of North America, Canada and Australia condemned what they called inhuman living conditions in Albania, especially for the estimated 400,000 ethnic Greeks living there.

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Tyrant of Tirana

s Communist regimes tumbled throughout Eastern Europe at the end of last year, the American business magazine Fortune advised potential investors what to look out for before committing their money. "Romania: One of the last really nasty family dictatorships is destroying a once promising economy," Fortune foretold. "Pray for a putsch." And then: "Albania: Xenophobic, dirt poor, and con-stitutionally forbidden to borrow abroad. May be worth a look next century."

But events have has speeded up. With the pictures of the bulletriddled corpse of Nicolae Ceausescu fresh in everyone's minds, people want to know: can tiny Albania (population: 3.1 mil-lion) survive as the last communist bastion in Europe?

We know even less about Albania than we do about Romania, but some clues as to whether the regime can last may lie in the history of Ramiz Alia, its president and party chief.

Alia was born in the northern Albanian town of Shkoder in 1925. His parents were Muslims who had fled from the Kosovo, the predominantly Albanian-populated area of southern Yugoslavia. He was a teenager, living under the not-so-benign rule of the self-proclaimed "King" Zog, when Mussolini invaded Albania on Good Friday 1939, an act of unprovoked aggression about which the western democracies did nothing Zog and his family fled the country, ending up in the Ritz Hotel in London, where Zog paid his bills in gold bars. Zog is long dead, but his son Leka has been issuing appeals to the Albanian people from his farm near Johannesburg, South Africa. Albanian monarchists have not rushed to raise their heads above the

It is claimed that Alia joined the partisans, led by the communist Enver Hoxha, as a teenager. The movement soon established itself as the leading force fighting the Italians and then the Germans, who took over the occupation of the country after Italy surrendered in 1943. In the same year Alia, then 18, became a member of the Albanian Communist Party.

Alia inherited a tradition of genuine independence, plus fierce nationalism. The Albanian parti-sans proudly claim that they pushed the Germans out at the end of 1944 without outside help. This is only partly true, but what is of crucial importance is that the Soviet Army never set foot in Albania during the Second World War. The communist-dominated government which took power in late November 1944 under Hoxha to the presidency and in 1983, pu was not put there by Josef Stalin, when Hoxha became ill, he took

RAMIZ ALIA

who initially distrusted Hoxha. In Stalin's scheme of things, Albania was supposed to be a protégé of Josip Tito's Yugoslavia. But in 1948, Stalin broke with Tito (partly over Albania) and so did Hoxha. It was in this year that Alia joined the Central Committee of the Party of Labour (as the Communist Party had been renamed). His big promotion came in 1956: shortly after Khruschev's rapprochement with Tito, Alia was made a candidate member of the Politburo.

It was also in that year that Alia

accompanied Hoxha on a visit to China. He took part in a long meeting with Mao Tse-tung, which was when, Hoxha later claimed, Mao's "revisionism" became apparent to the hawk-eyed Albanians. Alia also spent a few days in North Korea with Kim Il Sung, the world's longest surviving Communist dictator. A year later, as Khrushchev was energeti-cally wooing Tito after the Hungarian uprising, it was Alia who accompanied Hoxha to the Soviet Union. When the Russians tried to censor one of Hoxha's anti-Yugoslav diatribes, Alia went to the printers to try to rescue his text. The fact that Alia failed seems not to have been held against him.

Alia became the key negotiator in the Albanian team battling with the Russians. He was with Hoxha at the meeting in November 1960 where the final rancorous break came - and even stayed behind to conduct rearguard skirmishes after Hoxha fled in fear of his life. A year later Alia was elevated to full membership of the Politburo, and in 1962 he was sent to Peking to try to persuade the Chinese to hold the line against any compromise with the Russians over the Sino-Soviet split. His rise to the leadership came

in 1981, when Hoxha broke with Mehmet Shehu, his oldest and apparently closest colleague, and the man who had been widely expected to be Hoxha's successor. Shehu allegedly committed suicide. He was denounced as an agent of several foreign powers, including Britain, and there was an extensive purge of his followers and relatives, who controlled both the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of the Interior. A year later Alia was promoted

over many of his functions as leader of the party. When Hoxha died in April 1985, the Alia succession proceeded like clockwork.

Alia's whole experience has been within a fanatically hard-line Marx-ist-Leninist political machine. Hoxha's career was littered with the corpses of his foes, real or alleged. Alia could hardly have survived, much less reached the top if he were not a true believer.

But this does not mean he is out of touch. His foreign experience, though limited to communist countries, has been unusually rich

more than 30 years of dealing
with tough characters like Khruschev, Andropov, Mao and Deng as the representative of a very small and poor state, with very few cards to play. No one could go through this and not have learnt a trick or two.

The recent changes in Soviet policy are unlikely to have any direct effect on Alia. He is not like East Germany's former leader Erich Honecker: a declaration of non-interference by Moscow does not weaken him, because he has not depended on the Russians. Nor is be a Ceausescu: he has not squeezed the population dry to pay off foreign debts, because the country had none. He has not destroyed a previously flourishing economy - Albania has always been very poor.

ollowing the overthrow of Ceausescu, the Alba-nian embassy in Paris put out a statement which said, in essence: what has happened in Eastern Europe is nothing to do with us; it is not a crisis of socialism, because those states were not socialist; they were revisionist; we are socialist and intend to stay that way. The claim that Alia's Albania is different, at least ideologically, has considerable substance to it.

There are few signs of any liberals in Tirana, the capital, although a novel attacking malalthough a novel attacking mar-practices by the Sigurimi, the secret police, was published at the end of last year. Nor is any Havel figure known to be in the wings (he, or she, would have to lie very low). The army is largely made up of conscripts, and it is not known how it would react in a domestic emergency (like the Sigurimi, it has been subjected to frequent

Under Alia, Albania has

moderated its foreign policy, opening up greatly to its Balkan neighbours, and even participat-ing in a Balkan Foreign Ministers Conference in Belgrade. Tirana has maintained a low-key policy on the potentially hot issue of the Kosovo, in spite of Alia's bitter denunciations of Yugoslavia in past decades. Diplomatic relations have been established with all but four countries in Europe. One of the exceptions is Britain.

If one looks at the factors which have led to the overthrow of regimes in other East European countries, what does this mean for Alia's? There is no freedom of the Press in Albania, but access to information is not as restricted as, say, in Romania under Ceausescu, or North Korea. Most Albanians can watch Italian, Greek, or Yugoslav television, and are much better informed about foreign policy disputes than other com-munist countries. People may be bored, but no more so than before

people have to work very hard, but are probably unable to tell if the fruits of their labour are being unfairly appropriated. Alia and his fellow leaders have certain obvious privileges (villas, cars, private beaches), but there is no evidence of blatant corruption.

The regime has proclaimed a policy of egalitarianism and seems to have stuck to it to a large extent;

Religion is unlikely to provide a focus of discontent, the religious institutions were proclaimed closed in 1967, and Islam has always been rather lackadaisical in Albania. An Albanian Solidarity is as improbable as an Albanian Khomeini.

Warsaw Pact, or Comecon. It is 45 more years of hard slog comthus not a "domino" in the way bined with ideological hectoring. Bulgaria, or even Romania, was, We do not know the strength of

the opposition to Alia, or his capacity to adapt. But his pronouncements in recent weeks show he is alarmed by events in Eastern Europe. They do not show any willingness to soften the hard edge of Marxism-Leninism, but it seems improbable that the long-Albania is not a member of the suffering population can wish for

Jon Halliday

BIOGRAPHY

1925: Born in Shkodër, northern Albania
1943: Joins Communist Party; in movement against Axis occupiers
1948: Member, Central Committee of Party of Labour (Communist)
1956: Candidate (non-voting) Politburo member; visits China
1960: Key negotiator in meetings leading to break with Moscow
1961: Full member of Politburo and member of Party Secretariat
1962: Visits China to try to persuade Chinese to keep to hard line
1982: State President

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Tate's re-hanging judge

art as we know it.

For Nicholas Serota, the director of 16 months, is doing his whirling dervish act inside, undertaking the first compre-hensive re-hang of the national collections of British, modern and contemporary art for 20 years.
This is not just a matter of

shifting the bedroom furniture around to put the zip back into our relationship with the collection. The doors will open again on January 25 to a First he transported Manchesradical new

display which will profoundly affect both market in the 1990s.

Rumours are that the much-loved William Blake room has been spirited away; that the clinical white walls

of the 1970s

have surrendered to colour; that rich wall fabrics and plush carpets have invaded the historic collection. Most important, British 20th-century art traditionally a Cinderella due to its whimsical refusal to enter the straitjacket of international stylistic creeds - will be lifted out of the Tate's sizeable closet (the entire collection stands at 50,000 items, of which only a proportion can be shown), and presented boldly, on a par with its American and Euro-

pean counterparts. This means that not just Serota, but our entire recent artistic inheritance will be put to the test. Serota's move will be judged as either visionary or jingoistic folly.

Hanging is a notoriously difficult subject, both inside and outside the gallery. The daunting, and inevitably most gallery refurbishments are greeted with derision.

The Tate Gallery closed ums erected by the Victorians, down this week. And yes, this means the end of 20th-century trade fair.

Next came the minimalist approach, whereby curators covered the walls in surgery white or porridge, hung the paintings knee-high with a "tasteful gap" between them, and, in the belief that information detracts from aesthetic enjoyment, attached the brief-est of captions.

Finally came the designer Eighties, pioneered by the fearless "hang 'em high, hang 'em low" Timothy Clifford. ter's City Art

Gallery back into the days of bustles and toppers applying rich period colours look at to the walls, introducing aspidistras, subordiart world nating the works to the

overall effect.

He continued

Sarah Jane Checkland

with a bolder palette as director at the National Galleries of Scotland. Now, with the new Sainsbury wing scheduled to open at the National Gallery next year and the British Petroleum-financed Tate project (£300,000) this month, we are entering the sponsored Nineties, and their look is

about to be revealed.

In making his selection of works, Serota faces further challenges, as he inherits the tastes of his predecessors. In a calculate of the predecessors. celebrated clash between David Hockney and Sir Nor-man Reid, the Tate's outgoing director in 1979, the artist claimed that the museum was failing to buy as "a museum of record", being biased "in fa-vour of joyless and souless and theoretical art".

"They have been trying to find work to fit in with their challenge of complementing theories instead of looking at the works on display with the period of the building and the in with that," he said, adding convenience of the visitor is his condemnation of what he saw as a cheese-paring policy.

It is cheating the nation if we The past three decades have with a collection of cheap art.



Taste test: director Nicholas Serota has a daunting challenge

During this period, the gal-lery was widely criticized for buying "the bricks" — a pile of exactly that, by the American artist Carl André.

The next director, Sir Alan Bowness, continued the inter-national and highbrow em-phasis. His illustrated cata-logue, last reprinted in 1988, ends with a chapter on minimalism and conceptualism, thus giving no hint of the triumphant return of figu-rative painting during the

As to filling in the gaps, Serota's official purchase grant is frozen at £1.8 million: a sum which does not go far in a market where the record for David Hockney is £352,000. and even the acclaimed paintings by the untested young Glasgow school go for £10,000. He is contemplating trying to raise funds for an important painting by the 18th-century artist Zoffany, at more than £3 million.

During the great Serota re-The past three decades have seen three dominant decorative creeds. First came post-war prefabrication, whereby temporary structures were put temporary struc hang, the Turner collection

painted in various shades of terracotta. There is no sign of the post-

impressionists, who used to take pride of place in the first galleries visitors came to. Instead, there is a room devoted to the English land-scapist Paul Nash. "Angel of Anarchy", a zany bust blind-folded by scarves, by the British surrealist Eileen Agar, has taken its place among the works of Salvador Dali and

Max Ernst. Stanley Spencer's "Resur-rection" — relegated for years to a corridor above the basement stairs - can be glimpsed in glory at the far end of a chapel-like gallery.

But the most dramatic changes are taking place deep in the new orientation area in the heart of the building. Here Serota will beckon his visitors, before sending them out on his chosen routes: "a simple chronological sequence' which will provide "a skeleton which may be followed backwards or forwards in time from the Tudors to the present". Entrance to this inner sanctum is barred by a sign saying "hard hat area". When January 25 comes, Serota is well advised to keep

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HEALTH

Case for kid gloves

A stay in hospital can be traumatic for parent and child. Anne-Marie Sapsted

reports on a

new campaign to

ease the agony

ospitals have come a long way since the psychoanalyst James Robertson made his graphic films in the Fifties demonstrating the agonies suffered by a two-year-old handed over to a nurse by her mother. But around 900,000 children are admitted to hospital each year, with a further three million having to visit for consultations or treatment, and the experience can still be traumatic for parent and child alike.

As part of its long-running campaign to raise awareness of the emotional needs of child in-patients, the National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital (NAWCH) this week launched a comic to help prepare children for going to hospital. It stars Sammy, a boy admitted for an operation, and follows him from admission to

The full-colour photographs were shot at Greenwich District Hospital in London, using real hospital staff and featuring Mandeep Verdee as Sammy. Seven-year-old Mandeep knows the hospital well, for as an asthmatic he has been treated there on several occasions. "We have been publishing material for parents for some time, explains Pauline Shelley, press and information officer for NAWCH, "but we haven't published anything specifi-cally for children before, and we wanted to have something modern and up-to-date for children aged four to seven. We did some research and found that this bright, realistic format was what children responded to best."

Parents will also get a lot out of it, Shelley says. "They can become extremely anxious about what is going to happen to their child. They've often had a bad experience themselves as children, and they have no idea how a proper children's ward operates these

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NAWCH was formed in the early Sixties by a group of young pro-fessional mothers who all lived on Prince of Wales Drive in Battersea, south London. They had read about Robertson's pioneering work observing and filming the effects on children contemporary hospital practice, which dictated that parents should hand their children over to the professionals and interfere as little as possible. Prevailing wisdom was that parental visiting only upset the child and disrupted ward routine. No matter how young the child, visiting was restricted at best to half an hour a day and at worst to half an hour a week - or even, in extreme cases, a month. Robertson's film of small, abandoned figures huddled behind the bars of their cots makes disturbing viewing.

Explain as clearly as possible why the child has to go into hospital and what will

happen. Try playing hospital games and reading some of the excellent books written for children on the subject.

Find out from the hospital

you know what to expect and can answer your child's

staff exectly what the procedure will be, so that

questions.
Stay with your child in



Looking on the lighter side: extracts from Sammy Goes to Hospital, a comic lannched this week to prepare children — and parents — for the experience

Peg Belson, one of the founders of hospital stay could cause lasting psychological damage to a child. The fifthe executive committee, recalls: report recommended that children the group and still an active member of the executive committee, recalls: "We contacted James Robertson to ask how we could help put his ideas forward, and he told us to start on our own patch.

JUST WHEN I

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to it here

"We went to our local hospital and discovered that paediatricians there son's views and had begun to allow mothers unrestricted visiting. Very quickly we had several doctors working with us."

In 1959, two years before NAWCH was started, the Department of Health had published the Platt Report on the welfare of children in hospital, in both doctors and parents that a vast majority of hospitals, and there

CHECKLIST FOR A CHILD'S STAY IN HOSPITAL

you can, and arrange for

other visitors, especially brothers and sisters.

Many children are upset

when parents arrive or leave. Don't let this put you

off; it's far better for them to orr, it's fair better for them it cry than bottle up feelings.
Leave calmly and without delay after saying when the next visit will be.

Make sure you tell the hospital staff as much as

you can about your child: likes, dislikes and fears.

should be nursed at home whenever possible; that parents should be able to visit and share in the care of their children in hospital; that overnight accommodation should be provided for parents; that staff dealing with that there should be opportunities for play and education in hospitals; and that children and adolescents should have separate wards, outpatient clinics and waiting rooms in accident and emergency departments.

More than 30 years later, the last recommendation in particular has still response to increasing concern among not been implemented in the

things for amusement, such as books, games, crayons and paper. For you, nightwear, including

vacuum flask for coffee, or

babags, and simple snacks;

"I recently analysed 200 calls from parents to our national office to find out what their concerns were," Shelley says. "More than half wanted to know if they had a right to stay with their child in hospital, and were expressing worries about whether the hospital would allow it. Basically it comes back to individual hospital policy. The Department of Health has continually said that the Platt recommendations should be taken on board, but there is

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nothing in legislation." Even in hospitals which theoretically have facilities for parents, rang-ing from foldaway beds to purposebuilt accommodation, there are subtle ways, Shelley says, of discouraging their use. "Staff sometimes don't mention there are facilities for parents to stay. The mother who turns up with her three-year-old may want to stay

The association's view is that hospitals should provide facilities for every under-five entering hospital to be accompanied by one parent, "Our guidelines are that about 75 per cent of five to seven-year-olds will have their parents with them, and about 50 per cent of eight to 11-year-olds," Shelley

n 1982, NAWCH carried out a nationwide survey of hospital accommodation for parents and children. Four years later it revisited 153 black spots to check on progress. Just over one in 10 still had restricted visiting periods, only two-thirds were described as "welcoming" to parents, and facilities varied considerably. Only a third had a separate sitting-room for parents; in more than half, parents had to share toilet facilities with patients, and in two-thirds they had to share bath and shower facilities with patients. A third of parents had to make their own arrangements for simple necessities such as drinks, a seemingly minor problem unless you have had to sit for hours on end with a distressed child who will not let you out of his or her sight.

Other areas of concern are the fact that more than half the hospitals in the country make no provision for play and education for children in hospital. Up to 60 per cent of the over-12s are nursed on adult wards where, as Shelley points out, there may be distressing sights and sounds around them, and there are restricted visiting times. Most parents are still forbidden entry to the anaesthetic room, despite plenty of evidence that it benefits the

"An area of prime concern is accident and emergency departments, which are particularly stressful, Shelley says. "Children are almost always separated from their parents."

While there is no doubt that the desired improvements would cost money. Suzanne Goodband, general manager of children's services for the erside Health Authority in London a unique position in this country has found that there is also a shortage of trained children's nurses. "We have to remember that the parent is the primary carer of the child, and that our role is to help them. If a parent is properly prepared and supported, then half our job is done, but there is a desperate shortage of staff to do this."

Shelley says: "Our major task now is to be the watchdog for children's health services. Children are not even mentioned in the Government's NHS reorganization bill."

Belson adds: "You can still go on to any children's ward in any hospital on any day and still find children who are distressed and alone."

dressing gown and slippers; cool clothes for hot wards during the day; watch or travel clock; toiletries; change for the telephone; a "It's a question of parent pressure,"
Shelley says. "It's like fathers being excluded from the labour ward. There are still many myths to overcome." • For more information and details of publications and local branches, contact NAWCH, Argyle House, 29-31 Euston Road, London NW1 2SD (01-833 2041).

Sammy Goes to Hospital is availab

First Lady's eyes

After last year's graelling American election campaign, MEDICAL Barbara Bush had every BRIEFING reason to hope that this year she could enjoy a less stressful time as presidential wife.

weakness - regress, and in most cases disappear. But in a few cases, as with the First Lady, the eyes continue to Dr Thomas Stuttaford get worse: this constitutes the complication known as

staring eyes and ocular

infiltrative ophthalmopathy. The eyes become progressively more prominent, projected forward by an increase in pressure in the orbit caused by an excess of orbital tissue. The weakness of the eye muscles is due to lymphocytic infiltration into the muscles, so that their tone and balance is lost.

Infiltrative ophthalmopathy occasionally occurs independently of other thyroid troubles, or it can either precede them or follow previous successful treatment; in the latter case the time gap has been known to be as long as 20 years. Treatment for infiltrative ophthalmopathy is difficult and the outlook uncertain. Mrs Bush's doctors have opted for a 10-day course of radiation therapy. Others prescribe very high doses of steroid drugs. When the condition has stabilized, surgical decompression of the orbit may ease pressure on the eyes. Likewise the slack in the ocular muscles can be taken up surgically, so that the balance between them can be restored, and, one hopes, double vision eliminated.

Cutting Bernard

double vision occurs.

Unfortunately, her thyroid

gland has determined other-

wise. She had to spend the past 10 days as an

outpatient at the Walter Reed Army Hospital,

undergoing treatment for infiltrative ophthal-

mopathy, a very trying complication of thyrotoxicosis (an overactive thyroid gland), for which she was originally treated at the same hospital in March. Infiltrative ophthal-

mopathy causes protrusion of the eyes and

weakness of the ocular muscles, so that blurred

rision becomes a problem and, in severe cases,

There are several causes of over-active

thyroid, but when the signs and symptoms of overactivity, such as weight loss, tremor, excit-

ability, irritability, sweating, and a rapid,

sometimes irregular pulse, are associated with eye symptoms, the condition is known as Graves

disease (after a 19th-century Irish physician).
Usually as the other thyroid signs and
symptoms are controlled — in the case of a

woman of Mrs Bush's age this would have been achieved by taking radioactive iodine — the eye

frey Bernard's column in The S*pectator* who follow every twist and turn in his battle to remain mobile, if not healthy, will have been sorry to read that he is to undergo minor surgery. He has developed two egg-like cysts on the back of his head. Fortunately a medical friend was able to reassure him that they were no more than sebaceous cysts or, as they used to be known to Victorian doctors, wens. A sebaceous cyst forms as a result of the blocking of the small duct which carries the lubricating fat from the sebaceous gland

to the surface of the skin. Bernard is wise to have them removed, for quite apart from their unsightly appearance they can all too readily become infected, whereafter they are not only more difficult to excise but may give rise to a foul-smelling, chronically discharging abscess. Some-times the skin over the infected cyst breaks down, and the resulting ulcer, known as Cocks' Peculiar Tumour, although benign, looks so angry that it is often mistaken for a cancer. Edward Cocks was a surgeon at Guy's Hospital in

A sebaceous cyst can form in the skin on any part of the body other than the soles of the feet and the palms of the hand, which have no sebaceous gland, but they are most common in the hairy areas. Infection is particularly apt to occur if the cyst is subject to pressure or friction.

the 19th century.

The operation is very straightforward; indeed, the Health Secretary, Kenneth

Clarke, has determined that in future it will be done by GPs. The doctor makes an incision over the cyst, after which it can be shelled out intact, although some dissection from its underlying bed may be necessary if the cyst has been previously infected.

No convalescence is needed; Bernard will be fit to go from Harley Street to the Coach and Horses, where he will be able to celebrate his safe recovery in the knowledge that he is now no longer in danger of developing a Cocks'

Working lungs

There are only a

few MPs who can speak with first-hand experience medical ness of Sam Galbraith, a surgeon, just as the discussion on the NHS was getting under way is doubly unfortunate. Galbraith has pulmonary fibrosis and has recently undergone a lung transplant. Pulmonary fibrosis, an increase in the connective tissue in the lung, is essentially a scarring process, so that the useful lung tissue through which oxygen is absorbed into the bloodstream is replaced by useless fibrous tissue. The fibrosis results in increasing breathlessness. As the disease progresses, the inability of the lungs to oxygenate the blood strains the heart.

Pulmonary fibrosis can be divided into generalized or infections, for instance TB. lung abscesses, or under-treated pneumonia. Generalized pulmonary fibrosis is known for in the past it was the scourge of mining communities. Until recently the most common cause of pulmonary fibrosis was exposure to dust inhalation at work. Coal miners who developed pneumoconiosis were not the only occupational groups to be at risk; silicosis, the oldest of all fibrogenic dust diseases, attacked a range of craftsmen from potters to carvers of granite tombstones. Exposure to asbestos also causes pulmonary fibrosis, as well as the more publicized malignancies.

Although the number of cases of generalized fibrosis due to occupational lung dis-ease has declined, other causes remain. Some are due to the collagen diseases, which include rheumatoid arthritis, and many patients with fibrosis - even if they have no joint pains - show blood tests which are positive for rheumatoid; but even when the most extensive investigations have been completed the cause in many patients remains unexplained, and the fibrosis has to be classified as idiopathic, doctors' jargon for unknown. Some idiopathic generalized pulmonary fibrosis is due to exposure to organic dusts, for the inhalation of particles of animal and vegetable material can set up a hypersensitivity pneumonitis, an inflamma-tion of the lungs. Again the risk is widespread. Pigeon breeders are at risk from Bird Fancier's Lung, and Farmer's Lung follows the inhalation of mouldy hay.

This pneumonitis due to hypersensitivity should not be confused with acute asthma caused by dust. Asthmatics usually wheeze so badly when exposed to it that they have to leave the dangerous environto all readers of A.J. Cronin. ment before damage is done.

Cutting back the jungle

Trees have a tendency to out-grow their surroundings. In her Gardening column in *The* Times on Saturday, Francesca Greenoak explains the technique of coppicing and other methods of trimming trees to a manageable size.

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I've always been acchild I was quite good at all sports, but I was always getting bumps at football or hockey and broke my arm a couple of times. I had so much energy my parents were fed up with chasing me around, and sent me to judo classes.

there to carry out the ordinary care of your child,

such as washing and feeding, dressing and undressing, just as you would at home.

What to pack: For your

child, a favourite toy; dummy or bottle if still in

use, or a favourite cup;

nichtclothes and

I took to the sport straight away. I was picked for the European Championships when I was 17, won it the following year, and took my first world title the year after that. I've been world champion four times, but can only recall one bout when I didn't have one little niggling injury or another. I trained right through Christmas for the Commonwealth Games, and I reckon I should be ready.

In January 1986 I broke a bone in the arch of my foot when my heel hit the mat during training. The European Championships were at Crystal Palace that March, the first major judo event ever held in this country, and I had won my second world title, so I had to compete. I suppose I was naughty, really, because using it so soon delayed the healing process. But I won the championship. Luckily I seem to heal well, and my foot was better

after nine months. It was in the first round of defending my world title the following year, 1987, that I broke my leg. The girl I was competing against stepped on the back of my leg. Everyone in the stadium but me heard





KAREN BRIGGS

Luckily it happened at Essen, Germany, and I was operated on within two hours in one of the best hospitals in the world. I had about five fractures of my tibia and fibula plus ruptured ligaments. I had to have two metal plates and 15 screws inserted in my leg. I spent a total of two-and-

a-half months in hospital. British doctors told my parents I'd be lucky if I could ever walk properly again, let alone get back to judo. The plates stayed in for five months, though I'd been warned they might have to stay in for two years. Still, I fought and won the

Japanese Open at the end of the year. In Belgrade last October I regained the world title I'd lost because of the injury. The trouble was, I dislocated my shoulder in the final hold. Dr Ken Kingsbury, the team doctor, put it back for me straightaway. Then I had an exploratory operation to see if the capsule was damaged. It was and they repaired it there and then. The muscles have gone weal because I had the arm in a sling for five weeks.

I have to be less than seven stone eight pounds to compete in the bantam class, and I've got my weight down to seven stone six pounds without any trouble, just by training, which is lucky because I love my food. I just eat what I want when I want it.

getting injured. They say it could be that because I train very hard I'm bound to be more prone to injuries. I suppose the good thing

thing to raw, fresh garlic. In many countries, the ben-

I don't know why I keep

about being injured is that it forces me to rest. When I do retire I intend to go in for the triathlon. But first I want to take part in the 1992 Olympics. I'd love to get a gold. Interview by

Christine Webb ♠ Karen Briggs is the Sunday Times International Sportswoman of the Year and the Sportswriters' Association's Outstanding Sportswoman

KWAL The spice of life!

DIARY

ALAN HAMILTON

eports from the shires speak of such a glut of pheasants this year that some shoots are resorting to digging large holes to bury the excess bag — a practice which even the British Field Sports Society views as wasteful and distasteful. I hear of one estate in north Cambridgeshire which allegedly buried 400 brace it could not even give away. Game dealers don't want them, as they already have more birds than they can handle; a hot dry summer has pushed up the native population, and Britain has lost its traditional pheasant export markets on the continent to cheap imports from Eastern Europe. (No. not Romania; Ceausescu preferred blasting at bears. The main source is Hungary.) The British sporting fraternity plans a meeting to dream up ways of persuading us to eat more home-reared pheasant. I shall go along with them if it can produce an unleaded variety.

n the question of birds, I hear from
Australia that an animal rights
organization there is offering
\$A1,500 to any battery chicken farmer
prepared to swap places with his hens for a week. To collect the money, says the Free Battery Hen Association, the farmer will have to live in a simulated battery cage constructed to scale inside his own chicken shed. The ockers, I gather, are hardly falling over themselves to volunteer.

Peace can take odd turns now that the Cold War has given way to room-temperature relations. Recently a party of 12 Aeroflot pilots and navigators, on an English language course in Norwich, were given a jolly day out by the US Air Force at Lakenheath airbase in Suffolk. The guests were shown the F-111 fighter-bombers which raided Libya in April 1987, and invited to inspect their controls. USAF hospitality did not, however, extend to local television crews, who were barred from recording this unique event. Miffed BBC producer Philip Haworth tells me: "It seems glasnost worked between the Russians and Americans, but not between ourselves and the Americans." What ideas were planted in the pilots' minds I do not know, but I shall be even less keen than before to travel with the Soviet national carrier.

BARRY FANTONI



Someone had better tell the TUC'

gratifying response to my invitation to provide an item for this column ten years hence. Clearly readers are connoisseurs of malt whisky, as the lure of six bottles of The Glenlivet attracted a mountain of attempts to lay hands on them. Remarkable how many of you thought that by 1999 Mrs T would be life president, her PM would be Sebastian Coe, that a merger would have been effected between Canterbury and Rome, and that global warming would have made Britain a smaller place to live in. Numerous disqualifications were unavoidable, either because the writers had not attempted the style of these inches, or on grounds of taste. (I cannot, for example, entertain the idea of the Second Coming sponsored by the Daily Mail).

A bottle to Mark Malone of Bristol for. "L'Eau de Wessex's recent decision to follow our other national water companies by adding garlic to their imbibition fluids (European definition) comes at a troubling time for the Government, occurring in the same week as the Polish demonstrations against being the only remaining UK citizens still subject to the pole tax. Warsaw condemned such discrimination and vowed to join the people of Berlin in flying provisions over the Caledonian Wall to the blockaded Republic of Scotland, in addition to imposing sanctions on the British concern of Lawson's Economy Marts."

And another to Alan Leach of Cambridge for: "Yesterday, as concern grew over rising sea levels due to global warming, President Thatcher launched the 'Make Britain Higher' campaign, from the comfortable surroundings of the Tory Party HQ on Scafell Pike, Cumbria. It is intended that every British household will be issued with a regulation sack to fill with foreign soil while on holiday, and this will then be redeposited on low-lying land in Britain, thus creating a 'higher, happier country'. Meanwhile the forced resettlement of Labour Party members and Hong Kong refugees in the Fens continues unabated."

More winners on Tuesday.

Gorbachov's forlorn hope

A foreign affairs expert, writing under the pseudonym Z, sees Soviet communism being swept away by the same forces at work in Eastern Europe — and urges the West to do nothing to prolong the agony

t is clear that 1989 will enter history as the beginning of communism's terminal crisis, and not just in Eastern Europe but from Berlin to Peking. It is also clear that perestroika and glasnost in the Soviet Union have only aggravated the systemic crisis they were intended to alleviate. They have done so because, like all forms of soft communism, they go against the logic of the system

they are trying to save.

Mikhail Gorbachov has been trying to promote soft communism through structures and a population programmed for hard communism. But the latter is the only variety of Sovietism that is the genuine article, for the essence of all varieties of Sovietism is party supremacy. Thus, the instrument of Gorbachov's reform — the party — is the basic cause of Sovietism's troubles.

The way out of this contradiction? As one Soviet reformer put it after the June party congress: "The country now stands at a crossroads. From here we either go the Chinese way or the Polish-Hungarian way." Although he obviously wished for the latter course, the alternative he posed may well be Hobson's choice.

The Chinese way since the Tiananmen Square massacre last June means relative, though now declining, market prosperity under a regime of political and military repression. Repression is certainly a possibility in Russia, but market prosperity is out of the question for the indefinite future. Conversely, the Polish-Hungarian way means genuine democracy, but in the midst of economic ruin so severe as to threaten the survival of the new constitutional order.

In the Soviet Union, the economic ruin is even worse than in Poland and Hungary, but real democracy, as opposed to mere democratization, is not even on the agenda. Thus, the Soviet way could well combine the worst of the Chinese and the Central European scenarios: economic failure in conjunction with an inexpungeable leading role for the party.

Indeed, all paths of communist reform seem to end in one or another type of impasse. Leninist regimes, when they able only either to implode, as in Poland, Hungary, East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Romania, or to dig in their heels militarily to stave off implosion, as under Deng Xiaoping in 1989. The whole impossible enterprise of Lenin and Stalin was sustainable only as long as the human and material resources on which it fed retained the vitality to endure the burden of the regime, and as long as some modicum of material success undergirded the

party's monopolistic position. When these conditions ceased to hold, beginning with Deng's marketization of 1979 and Solidarity's revolt of 1980, the Communist parties' will to power began to flag and their people's habit of fear began to fade. For the Soviet party-state's survival, this development soon made necessary the expedients of perestroika and glasnost. But these are only pale substitutes for the market and democracy, half-

way measures designed to square the circle of making the vivifying forces of a resurrected society compatible with the party's lead-But this circle cannot be squared. If marketization and privatization are the economic goals of reform then party planning becomes superfluous, indeed downright parasitical. If multiple parties, elections and the rule of law are the political goals of reform, then the dual administration of the party-state

third way between Leninism and the market, between Bolshevism and constitutional government. Marketization and democrafization lead to the fevival of civil society, and such a society requires the rule of law. But civil society under the rule of law is incompatible with the preservation of the lawless leading role of the party. At some point, there-fore, the line will be reached where reform crosses over into liquidation of the party's leading role and all the structures it has created. Not only Eastern Europe but the Soviet Union are

reaching that critical line.

The false problem of how to

becomes supernumerary, indeed

positively noxious. There is no

restructure Leninism is now giving way to the real problem of how to dismantle the system, how to effect at last an exit from communism. Perestroika is not a solution but a transition to this exit. As Milovan Djilas, the Yugoslav dissident, foresaw early in perestroika, communism is not reforming itselfit is disintegrating.

o as we rub our eyes in astonishment at the most stunning communist implosion of all, the collapse of the Berlin Wall, we should not conclude that the structures it shielded for so long can be transformed by a few reform decrees. The revolutionary rapidity of events in 1989 should not breed the illusion that the exit from communism these events presage

will itself be rapid.

And the most difficult case of all will be the Soviet Union, which, after all, has had 70, not 45 years of communism.

Furthermore, the Soviet party is a rational institution, not an a national institution, not an alien imposition, buttressed by the success against the German invaders in the Second World War. And this national-impenal party has the military apparatus of a superpower.

unfortunately, must still be no. 6 All paths of communist reform seem to end in impasse. Perestroika and

only prolong the agony.

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mand economy to democracy

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glasnost are halfway measures designed to make a resurrected society compatible with the party's leading role. But the circle cannot be squared?

Can Gorbachov succeed? First of all, such a transition is Should we help him? To answer not the aim of Gorbachov's perethese questions, we must first stroika; its aim, rather, is to rephrase them. Succeed at what? salvage what it can of the Help him to do what? If by existing system by halfway concessions to economic and human perestroika's success we mean producing a communist system reality. Second, and even more that is economically effective important, such a transition would bring the end of the cardinal leading role and hence and politically democratic, then the answer must be no. The fundamental structures of the would amount to the self-liqui-Leninist system reached an indation of communism, someextricable impasse at the end of thing Gorbachov clearly does the 1970s, and the mounting not intend to do. Still, events are pressing to-ward the dwindling away of the contradictions of perestroika indicate that the system cannot be

restructured or reformed, but system, whatever the Soviet can only either stagnate or be leadership's intentions and whodismantled and replaced by marever that leader might be in the ket institutions over time. future. And here Western help could play a constructive role. In this case, any Western aid First, reducing the mutual to save or improve the existing system would be futile: on this burden of armaments, if carried score Gorbachov is beyond our out with due attention to legitihelp. Such aid would also work against the real interests of the

mate security concerns, would ease the severity of the Soviet restive Soviet peoples and thus crisis (though it would not alter of international stability. Like its structural causes). And Western credits to the Polish Gorbachov has clearly indicated his willingness to engage in arms reductions, while taking care party-state in the 1970s, aid to the Soviet government would that the Soviet Union's international retreat does not turn Yet, if by perestroika's success we mean effecting a transition

Second, although Western aid DOI SO TO SHOTTING UD Soviet economic institutions in the state sector, it could be usefully applied to the piecemeal development of parallel structures in a private sector operating on market principles so as to promote economic and, even-tually, political pluralism. This could take the form, say, of free economic zones operating under International Monetary Fund conditions in such places as the Baltic states, Armenia or the

Soviet Far East, In this case, the

parallel sector, perhaps with its own convertible currency, would eventually spread across the Soviet Union.

Such a policy is, indeed, a modest approximation of the approach that Poland's new government is inaugurating. But what Gorbachov is prepared to accept for his outer empire in Eastern Europe (where he eff-ectively lost control in 1988) would be much more difficult for him to accept for the inner empire, since foreign investment would imperil Soviet national sovereignty.

So Western investment, in joint or other enterprises in the Soviet Union would have to be handled without triumphalism about capitalism's superiority. and with due sensitivity to Soviet national pride. The West's aim should be to encourage the change of Soviet realities while leaving the old labels intact - in a kind of socialist Emperor-of-Japan

et, however the Soviet Union edges toward its particular exit from communism, this uncharted process can only be long and painful. Further crises will most likely be necessary to produce further, and more real, reform. And a last-ditch attempt to stave off ruin by curtailing could lead to that military reaction so feared by Moscow liberals.

And - who knows - in this scenario Gorbachov might be agile enough to become his own successor, or if perestroika ends in another 18th of Brumaire, to be his own Bonaparte. Gorbachov would be hard to replace because his international reputation is now the Soviet Union's chief capital asset; yet he could not afford to be a very tough Bonaparte, since he has become the prisoner of his foreign policy

Obviously, none of these prospects is a cheering one, and none would be easy for the West to live alongside. But it is better to look realistically at the genuine options in the East as they have been moulded by 70 years of a failed Utopia than to engage in fantasies about Gorbachov as a demiurge of instant democracy or about the end of conflict in history. Nor should we forget that communism, however dis-astrous, has always been successful at one thing resourcefulness and tenacity in holding on to its monopoly of power.

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The Soviet world's transition to normality will be a long time coming. The party, though now dyed with the hues of glasnost and democratization, will cling to the bitter end, like some poisoned tunic, to the bodies of nations it has enfolded in its embrace for so many decades.

C The New York Times, 1990

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How to bring socialism back from the dead Ronald Butt warns the Tories against policies that alienate the public

the last decade, according to Mrs Thatcher's New Year message, is that "socialism has failed". As a self-contained statement, that seems true enough if socialism is defined as a system based on the common ownership of (at least basic) means of production and distribution; it has proved unworkable in both its undemocratic and democratic forms.

But what is to follow the death of socialism? Does it simply leave the doctrine of market forces triumphant? In the newly enfranchized states of Eastern Europe it remains to be seen how complete will be the break with their past. But in most West European states the drive to reinterpret socialism in terms which would have horrified the founding fathers continues with few inhibitions. In Britain, however, while Mr Kinnock has made it clear what he does not want us to understand socialism to mean, we are largely in the dark about what is supposed to be its new meaning.

We know that Labour is sup-posed to have renounced the old

type of state ownership and management, the apparatus of planning, the full panoply of trade union power and unilateralism. But we begin the 1990s with little idea what Labour government would mean in practice. Voters have no such clear concept as they had in 1945 or, indeed, in 1964 when Harold Wilson proposed planning for growth with the unions and industry co-operating on economic targets, pay and prices. Today we know only that Labour would spend more, that this could hardly be done without higher taxation and that the market freedom of the privatized

utilities will be lost. Yet none of this will necessarily provide the Conservatives or market-Thatcherism, as we have known it, with a ticket for a fourth term, for socialism as a theory did not come into existence through some arbitrary political Big Bang but because

problems existed which called forth the theory and created a political constituency for it. It was a response to these ethically unacceptable by-products of the market - poverty, the inability or failure of those who prospered individually to meet the needs of those in adversity, and a lack of fairness in terms of a decent living for the unskilled.

Socialism, with its stultifying and imposed egalitarianism, was not the right answer. But the questions it purported to answer were valid, and they still are. Socialism may be dead philosophically, leaving Labour without a coherent replacement. But this would not suffice for another period of Conservative power if the Government forgot why socialism came into existence and why Labour gained power in 1945 and 1964. Mr Kinnock may not be able to define a new socialism but the Tories could provide Labour with what passes as such a definition simply by what they themselves fail to offer.

The political balance sheet has seldom been harder to interpret. On Mrs Thatcher's side are the facts that the nation wants to keep the sense of freedom and personal prosperity gained in the last decade, does not want to be over-burdened by taxation, supports trade union reform and generally favours privatization. wants inflation to be conquered.

Despite Labour's present healthy lead in the opinion polls, it will find it a much harder task than it was to win back many marginal seats because of the collapse of the centre. Mrs Thatcher also has the potential advantage that in a struggle between the sovereignty of Brussels and that of the elected Parliament at Westminster, most Britons will be on her side. But the simple substitution of "the market" for socialism is not enough. Of course, Tories never thought it was. If they had, they would not remain as committed

as they are to massive social

spending. Nevertheless they con-

vey the impression that they regard spending on the public services as somehow less productive than it would be if it were in the private sector. Sir Robert Reid's warning on

the failure to invest in the railways makes the point. No other West European nation expects passengers to travel in such discomfort on so unreliable a service. No other nation so under-invests in railways. The Germans, whose strong currency testifies to their market conviction, do not hesitate to accept that the publicly-owned railways exist to serve the public and that services cannot be determined purely by profit. Ministers could mull over the tenet of the German social market economy: "As little state as possible, as

much state as is necessary."

Kenneth Clarke's refusal to bring forward an imaginative solution to the ambulancemen's stoppage is similarly sympto-natic. Though it is essential not to make a precedent for coming wage claims, the risk to

pute a special case. When Mr Clarke emphasizes that most ambulancemen are simply drivers rather than paramedics (though the majority do have first aid qualifications) he only draws attention to the fact that the Government ought, for our safety, to insist on higher qualification and pay for them. The public services matter to

us all: the morale of hospital staff, poor rail and tube transport and unrepaired streets, public service retrenchment when inflation was first being contained was one thing. But inflation then returned, not because of government over-spending but because of the Government's failure to control a private credit spree. Whether the maintenance of

public service standards will require some overall increase in taxation or simply a stop on paying off the national debt remains to be seen, but if the Government were to sacrifice the quality of the public services to pay for its own failure to keep inflation away, it could provide the re-definition of socialism which Kinnock needs.

The jewel in British Rail's crown is the service from Victoria station to Gatwick: a short journey, high fares, substantial occu-pancy - like you travel standing up, somebody stands on one of your feet while someone else is resting his suitcase on the other. When the railways are privatized this service is likely to be an Anglian Water among rail stock,

probably bought up by SNCF. Now you would think that the provider of such golden eggs would receive quite special care and attention. If so, you would think wrong. As the estimable Sir Robert Reid is about to make way for a man of the same name, here is a letter

Dear Mr Reid, When I left Victoria for Gatwick a fortnight ago there was a queue more than 40 people strong at each of the two ticket windows. Would it not be good

Flying the Gatwick not-so-special

sense to have a sign showing where there are other windows, an express facility for people paying cash, or a ticket machine such as you have on some platforms? Airline passengers already have to check in two hours before a flight, mostly - one suspects - so that the British Airports Authority can make wonderful profits selling them "duty-free" boxes of chocolates. Need one also get to the station half an hour before the train's

departure to buy a ticket? On the train the public address system cleared its throat and announced that anyone found sitting in a first-class carriage without a first-class ticket would be made to pay a supplement. You and I know this meant there was no ticket inspector on this service and BR was putting on the frighteners. People not versed in such chicanery would think more of BR if it explained that firstclass travel is more comfortable. less crowded and "if you do not have the relevant ticket you are most welcome to sit there for an extra payment". Gatwick has become the white

cliffs of Dover - the first sight many foreigners get of Britain. If the foreigner looks carefully around the airport he will see some of your notices: "Fast, clean trains leave for London every 15 minutes until 2300 and hourly



throughout the night." Might not these notices also give the standard fare, so that a party of four could work out if it is cheaper to take a taxi? Why not publish the number of minutes after each

hour that the trains leave, enabling passengers to time their approach to the platform, hurry if haste is required, dawdle and buy an up-to-date newspaper if they

have minutes to spare? Platforms 1 and 2 appear to be for London trains. Why not erect a sign showing in which direction the train will move, for people carrying heavy luggage prefer to take it to the business end rather than battle through the crowds at Victoria – where you really might provide trolleys for incoming

On the return journey last Thursday evening the illu-minated sign proclaimed "Next Train departs 22.66" . . . and not

travellers.

a BR soul in sight to make sense of that. After 18 minutes' wait an compartments are at the front of the train; the front is at the opposite end to the engine, while the back, which is nearest the engine, is for standard ticket-

holders. When I had a train set, I found it easier for engines to pull carriages than push them; in action I understand it enables drivers to see where they are going and gives them extra space to stop if there is an impediment. Should modern technology decree that it is better to push, why not make a virtue of this: "British Rail. Where the

engines are at the back"?

On this occasion a man in a dark suit and yellow tie with a motif of orange cranes came into our carriage and said "Good evening, may I see your tickets?" He may have been a bored passenger, he certainly wore no badge of office, not even a hat an article of clothing which I think is so reassuring, indeed essential, on railway officials though he did carry a chipper like the one I got for my seventh

birthday: a good machine for those into ticket clipping. He was the warmest thing that happened to us on the journey; if he was one of yours, well done. If the man pushing the trolley with lukewarm drinks and expensive sandwiches belongs to you, I take back the praise. His goods reminded me of the Czech saying, "If you put crap on a shelf, it

Sincerely, Clement Freud

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DEVOLVE AND RULE?

Devolved government for Northern Ireland is back on the agenda. It is easier, however, to settle what the speech made on Tuesday by the Northern Ireland Secretary does not mean than to say what it might become.

There is no evidence in what Mr Brooke said that the Government is preparing to "abandon" the Anglo-Irish Agreement. It would be a disgraceful betrayal if it were, but the speech bears no such construction. It is hard to believe that its general and innocuous phrasing could even be such a hint delivered in code.

If some administrative powers were devolved to a local administration, meeting the long-held British criteria for "power-sharing". those matters would not be reviewed by British and Irish ministers meeting under the auspices of the Agreement. Nor, presumably, would they be handled by the joint secretariat which has become the symbol of the Agreement valued as such by the Roman Catholic minority, loathed as such by many Unionists.

That change would not cancel the Anglo-Irish Agreement, although it would change it. produce learning and more a situation in which so imagine a si

The Agreement itself starts clause 5(c) with these careful words: "If it should prove impossible to achieve and sustain devolution on a basis which secures widespread acceptance in Northern Ireland ...". That war-weary formulation points to the second exclusion from Mr Brooke's hopeful recital: it contained no detail on what had changed in the positions of the major players.

It may be that Mr Brooke knows more than he is telling - any chairman of such negotiations knows that to expose prematurely a position which has quietly shifted is often enough to cancel the shift. It seems more likely, however, that his speech was intended as mood music: designed to provide a gently harmonious background for politicians in a mood to talk and a token that the Government has not lost interest in devolution. It also openly notes that, over time, the hostility of at least some Unionist politicians to the Agreement has softened.

There are still a number of problems to be overcome and Mr Brooke's speech gives few clues as to whether they can be. That softening of the Unionist insistence on the suspension of the Agreement as a pre-condition of any devolution negotiation has been accompanied by a deepening split among Unionists over whether they wish to integrate further into the United Kingdom or to continue the quest for devolution. A good measure of internal agreement among Unionists is necessary before any participation in devolved administration could be contemplated or sustained. Does it exist?

The SDLP has already made depressing noises about the general ideas in the speech. Concentration on devolution was premature. said a spokesman for Mr John Hume. The SDLP suggests that talks should be held on nothing but the essentials of the problem which, in translation, can only mean the consideration of further moves towards joint authority, confederation or unification.

These reactions sit oddly with the clear commitment of the Agreement to seek a fair form of devolved government for the province. Is the SDLP rejecting that aspect of the Agreement? It would be useful to know the answer before the Northern Ireland Office proceeds any further on the course set by Mr Brooke. If anything does emerge from the embryo of his speech, it will certainly focus exclusively on devolution. If the SDLP is not interested, the secretary of state would be better advised using his time on other more worthwhile subjects.

Well, yes. And possibly a favour to the

country, too. As we argued at the beginning of

the dispute, one reason for the resurgence of

inflation is the inadequacy of industrial

productivity in this country compared with

that of our competitors. A reduction in

working hours would almost certainly lead to

increased overtime, which would inflate wage

M Pierson is probably huffing and puffing

when he talks about sending BAe a bill to cover lost production. Article 7 of the Airbus

regulations certainly renders a partner liable to

meet part of the costs if it is unable to fulfil its

this sanction can only be applied when the

circumstances leading to non-performance are

They are, for all that, as aware as M Pierson

is of the damage that the strike could inflict on

the credibility of the consortium. It is

particularly galling because it comes at a time

when Airbus seemed at last to be moving away

from some of the structural and financial

absurdities characterisitic of its earlier years -

in planning for the launch of its latest

derivative, for instance, it has for the first time

Mr Jordan therefore has the satisfaction of

knowing that his action is now having an

impact not only in this country, but in France

and Spain and Germany as well. He may also

remember that in September, when he

announced that he had an £8 million war chest

at his disposal to sustain the strike indefinitely.

he said, "We don't like strikes, and we have

worked too hard to revitalize our industry to

rather than British in scale. Mr Jordan might

be wise not to plan any fraternal visits to the

plants in Madrid or Hamburg or St Nazaire

just at the moment. Solidarity has its limits.

Nor should he count on his conduct of the

dispute doing much for him if there is a left-

The industry in question is now European

want to see it damaged".

made approaches to the open market.

numents, but BAe are likely to

bills and raise British wage costs.

within the partner's control.

MR JORDAN'S OWN GOAL

The managing director and chief executive officer of Airbus Industrie, M Jean Pierson, is a man with a robust management style and a reputation for forthrightness. The strike which has affected output at the Preston and Chester plants of British Aerospace has now lasted for nine weeks and is threatening to bring assembly work at Toulouse to a halt. On Tuesday, M Pierson decided that the time had come to speak his mind. "Part of the art of good management is in being able to handle labour The said of the had guessed that the strike would last so long, he would have shut down the assembly line sooner to provoke a crisis. "We were too intelligent", he said.

M Pierson's exasperation is understandable. Nineteen eighty-nine was a record year for the European consortium. It achieved a 22.5 per cent share of the market, and had been hoping to push that figure closer to 30 per cent in 1990. It took firm orders for 421 aircraft, valued at 17 Work mini crocks for 421 ancient, values at the Soviet airline Aeroflot for up to 10 A310-300s. Just as Boeing, its main competitor, is beginning to pick up after a damaging industrial dispute in Seattle, Airbus has had to watch its production rate dwindle to one a month - before the strike began, it had got it up to 11. With British Aerospace no longer able to deliver the wings, the rest of the intricate Airbus operation will now grind to an expensive halt.

> The strike is in pursuit of a claim for shorter hours. The unions began by demanding a reduction to 35 hours — two hours less than in West Germany. British Aerospace says that it is ready to come down to 37 hours, but only in return for cost-saving productivity improvements. The company has also declined to negotiate further unless the men first return to Work.

> Mr Bill Jordan, the president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, professes to the nonplussed by what he calls BAe's obstinacy. "I can only assume", he said loftily this week, "that they think they are doing the Government a favour in some way by resisting shorter working hours".

AN EVIL TRADE

The volume of illegal drugs seized by customs officers, measured in street value, went up by 40 per cent in Britain last year. The number of those caught smuggling them rose still more sharply, setting new records which must be

gratifying for the Government. Congratulations for those involved, however, must be tempered by an awareness of the realities behind the statistics. The 50 per cent increase in confiscated cocaine and the 331 kilograms of heroin (enough for 11 million injections) are due only in part to the vigilance of the customs men. They also reflect the

growth of the drugs traffic. Yesterday's provisional figures contained one especially worrying statistic. About four out of every 10 drugs consignments detected were being brought into Britain from other parts of the European Community, particularly from Holland and Spain. In many cases "day trippers" from the Continent were used to smuggle hard drugs into this country.

This has ominous implications for the future. What will happen after 1992, when border checks throughout the Community are eased? The prospect of a single market for drug traffickers is one which must give the authorities pause for thought.

Last year must go down as a bad one for the drugs barons. The priority accorded by President Bush to fighting them, the declaration of open war on the cartels by President Barco of Colombia and the arrest by the Americans of General Noriega, have taken place against a backdrop of growing international co-operation. About 160 international drug rings were smashed as a result and profits

totalling £5 million were seized. Despite all this, however, the drugs industry wing challenge when he comes up for reelection this year. Gratitude has its limits, too. still flourishes. Countries like Afghanistan, Pakistan and India (identified as the main sources of heroin) may co-operate. Aid programmes may be mounted to help them meet the costs of law enforcement and relieve any economic dependence on drugs money.

But the syndicates are too well organized and

the profits which they earn are far too

tempting, for them to be driven out of business altogether. This is not an argument for legalizing drugs. However much that might erode profits, it would be an entirely self-defeating exercise. It is rather an argument for tackling the demand. To some extent the Third World is correct in identifying the drugs problem in the West as

one for Western society to tackle. President Bush recognized last year that no solution to the drugs menace would be found unless thousands of young Americans could be persuaded that drugs bankrupt, cripple and eventually kill their victims. That stark, simple message must somehow be conveyed to them.

Most governments will argue that they have been trying to do that for the last two decades. To which it must be said that they have not tried hard enough. A comprehensive international campaign, sharply focused on teenagers and young adults, must now be mounted as a leading priority in the West.

A chance to plan this will arise in April when Britain, in conjunction with the United Nations, will play host to a ministerial summit to discuss this very problem. Last year saw an encouraging assault on the suppliers. We should concentrate this year on the consumers, because it is upon them, in the end, that the drugs industry depends.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lack of vision on railways

From Dr Chris Gossop Sir, Sir Robert Reid's fierce criticism (report, January 9) of Government policy towards our railways highlights the sad fact that Britain is failing to plan properly for the transport infrastructure we shall undoubtedly need in the 1990s and beyond.

What is lacking is any real vision by the Government of the contribution that the railways can make to the future development and prosperity of our country. As Sir Robert rightly points out, things are very different on the Continent, with the French, in particular, forging ahead with massive investment in their TGV high-speed train network and exploiting this to the full as a tool to encourage economic dev-

Properly exploited, the Channel tunnel could provide an immense fillin to our own railway system. Unfortunately the determination that three years ago led to a decision to build the tunnel did not extend to the infrastructure that will be needed to serve it. The Government assumed that this was something that could be handled purely by British Rail, together with the private sector. But at the same time there was to be absolutely no public subsidy provided and a clause to this effect was actually built into the Channel Tunnel Act.

This shortsighted attitude has led to the recent decision to scrap plans for a tunnel under London to connect the proposed international terminal at King's Cross with the high-speed rail link to the Channel tunnel. The result is a second-best solution which could lead to serious delays in future for trains from anywhere on the north side of the Thames.

Brtish Rail's latest plan (report, December 15) must go beyond the single passenger train to Paris and Brussels daily down each of the east and west coast main lines, while its proposals for freight are similarly unambitious.

If the United Kingdom is to benefit fully from the Channel runnel we need the best possible rail links to all parts of the country. The danger is that without such links business will increasingly perceive the parts to Britain "beyond London" as places in which they should not invest. And as our trade with the Continent increases we face the ikelihood of a further concentration of economic activity in the already overheated south-east of England and a further worsening of the quality of life for those of us who live and work there. Yours sincerely, THRIS GOSSOF

(Deputy Director), Town and Country Planning 17 Carlton House Terrace, SW1. January 9.

Battles of Alamein From Mr Correlli Barnett

Sir, Your report (January 5) on Manfred Rommel receiving the CBE mentions that his father, Field Marshal Rommel, was defeated in the second Battle of Alamein in October-November, 1942, but omits to mention that the turning point of the Desert War was the first Battle of Alamein, in July, 1942, when the 8th Army, led by General Sir Claude Auchinleck, and his Chief of Staff, Major-General Eric Dorman-Smith, stopped Rom-mel's offensive in full career and threw him on to the defensive.

In conducting the battle Auchinleck and Dorman-Smith brilliantly exploited Ultra decrypts of German Enigma top-secret cyphered signals which revealed the location of German and Italian formations as well as Rommel's own plans and the state of his army. Yours faithfully CORRELLI BÁRNETT,

Seasonal pastime

Churchill College,

Cambridge.

January 7.

From Mr James Kellaway Sir, Mr Stent (January 8) can hardly cite New Year's Day croquet as an indication of global warming. Croquet has been played at Compton Croquet Club, here in Eastbourne, on fine winter days for many years, with enthusiasts casting a hopeful eye out of the window, in particular on Boxing

A notable member was Lord Tollemache who, 40 years ago, played regularly throughout the winter months, by himself when he could not find an opponent. He was exceptionally devoted to the game, about which he wrote at length, and when the weather was unfavourable he would practise short requets at home, aiming at a sixpence on the carpet. Yours sincerely,

JAMES KELLAWAY (Chairman, Compton Croquet Club), 79 Saffrons Court, Compton Place Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

From Mr W. R. Bawden Sir, At the Cheltenham Croquet Club we have 10 lawns in play in summer, four in winter. Frost and snow apart, there is hardly a winter day when the game is not played. Winter croquet here is so popu-

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a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (01)782 5046.

Museum charges case contested

entry to a source of cultural enrichment. But the committee pays homage, albeit hesitantly, to

a modish managerial value by

recommending (p. xiii) that "all

national museums and galleries should consider introducing com-

Now attendance figures, prop-

erly-conducted visitor surveys,

and calculations of the costs of

charging mechanisms all seriously

question the practical benefit of

what the committee itself accepts

(p. xiv) would be "marginal (and

Moreover, not only in numer-

ous fora in this country, but in a

recent conference called by the National Bureau of Economic Research in the USA, urgent

concern has been expressed about

the failure of nerve which tempts

institutions, in order to attract

paying visitors, to offer peripheral

entertainments at the expense of

properly caring for and building

interest in the permanent collec-

tions they were designed to house.

nature of what they offer the mind

and spirit, only emerges with familiarity, with the repeated vis-its fostered by free entry. To propose concessions (p. xiv) is

arrogantly to suppose that Some-

not charging. Yours faithfully,

26 Montpelier Row, Twickenham, Middlesex.

highly praised by her,

From the Reverend Denis Shaw

Sir, In a small lodge belonging to

Clewer Parish Church, Windsor,

we have a Museum of Local History, which, as The Times

reported, was visited by the Duch-

ess of York last June, and was

It was founded in 1981 and for a

few years we had a modest entry

fee. Two years ago we stopped charging for admission and, in-

JOHN HALE.

January 10.

The true value of these, the

somewhat unpredictable) income".

pulsory admission charges".

From the Director of the British Museum and others

Sir, The report of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Education, Science and the Arts, Should museums charge? Some case studies (published today) recommends that national museums and galleries should consider introducing compulsory admission charges. Our trustees have considered this question many times over the years. However, the question of free access to public collections is far too serious to be decided on less than comprehensive evidence.

As directors of the three mostvisited, non-charging museums in Britain we must express our surprise and disappointment that the committee should have chosen to be so selective in the evidence which it sought. We believe that the degree of imbalance is such as to raise serious questions about the validity of the conclusions reached.

Admission to most of the national art collections in the United Kingdom is free. The overwhelming majority of the museum profession supports free entry. Yet invited to appear before the committee were two directors who support compulsory charging for admission, one who supports voluntary charging, and only one director who runs a non-charging institution.

Furthermore, it was suggested to the committee that they should visit Washington or Berlin (where the national collections are free) but they declined to look at that side of the picture. The only foreign country visited was France, which has a very different museum culture from our own and a quite different history of State funding for the arts.

The result is, we believe, a flawed and unhappy document which adds only heat and not light to the debate. We trust that neither Parliament nor the public will take the conclusions of this report 100

seriously.
Yours faithfully,
DAVID M. WILSON
(The British Museum), NEIL MacGREGOR (National Gallery). NICHOLAS SEROTA (Tate Gallery), The British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1. January 10. From Professor Sir John

Hale, FBA Sir, The report of the education. science and arts committee notes (p. vi) that it is Government policy that charging should be at the discretion of the trustees. It is a policy that has been reiterated, in both Houses, during the past years, and perhaps owes some-thing to Government's professed

Changing times

From Mr Peter Sotheran Sir, The Government is to allow a free vote on whether or not to align the British working day with

London, yet 200 miles south of Edinburgh. Four million people live in this and the four neighbouring northern counties. During the experiment of 20 years ago, for 10 or 12 weeks we travelled to work and school in the dark. Our children had to wear fluorescent sashes and armbands. In my workplace morale and efficiency fell and tempers shortened. Some of us saw natural daylight only at weekends. For what purpose? Business in the town was not

This association represents 96 businesses in Cleveland. We oppose the proposed change. Those of us with international business are quite capable of adjusting our working hours to suit our overseas colleagues. Why should the public as a whole suffer? Yours faithfully.

Redcar, Cleveland. From Professor Emeritus O. A. W. Dilke

lar that it is not uncommon for each of the four lawns to be double-banked (two games simultaneously in progress on the

same lawn), and even to see a lawn

treble-banked, so great is the In general, the great majority of our winter all-week players fall into the 60-84 age group. Tough golden oldies indeed. Yours,

W. R. BAWDEN, 9 Trowscoed Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

From Mr Malcolm McGregor Sir, I can assure Mr Stent that global warming" is not essential to enable croquet playing on New Year's Day. I was unable to attend this year's annual International New Year's Curry and Croquet Festival, held in Denmark last week. The tradition originated in Tonga some years ago. For some reason Gammel Dansk and pumpkin curry must be served.

Roqueting was made more interesting by a couple of inches of snow on the lawn. A paraffin heater was required on the pitch to keep the balls warm. Teams taking part represented Denmark, Sweden, Tonga, Holland, and the United Kingdom. There is no report of who won the, now lost, Japanese squeaky doli trophy. Yours faithfully, MALCOLM McGREGOR,

14 Prince of Wales Terrace, 63 Hillgate Place, W8. Scarborough, North Yorkshire. January 9.

Civil Servants' homage to certain values inherent in Britain's past, in this case, free

From the General Secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servanis

Sir, Your leader of January 6 on Servants accused the FDA of what looks like a piece of opportunism" and stated baldly that the "Government is right because it has been consistent".

a succession of administrations.

is, after all, different from a qualified one, however exceptional the qualification may be.

and professional duties - for example, Government lawyers have a duty to the courts,

one knows the nature of the interest, and the contents of the pockets, of old and young, healthy and infirm, native and foreign. There should be no barrier at the The way to give the nationals the break they responsibly need is through adequate core funding,

> You have dismissed loftily what you term "that mythical entity, the Crown". Many Civil Servants, indeed many members of the public, would take a different view. Where the political neutrality of a Crown servant is compromised the individual should have the right to appeal to the Crown. In practical terms this would mean access to an ombudsman or tribunal of privy coun-

cillors.
Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH SYMONS, General Secretary, Association of First Division Civil Servants,

stead, placed a box by the entrance for contributions to maintenance. 2 Caxton Street, SW1. Our income rocketed. Instead of producing a stipulated fee on January 9. entering visitors now make a voluntary donation. It is always considerably higher than our for-Tit for tat

mer charge. Yours etc., DENIS SHAW, Clewer Rectory, 14 Parsonage Lane, Windsor, Berkshire.

all of Scandinavia is well to the

east of Scotland, and that, for

example, in Glasgow the sun rises

more than one hour later than in

Copenhagen, since it is 16° 48' west of Copenhagen and a little further

Sir, Your leading article suggests

that the lot of farmers has been

eased by the practice of over-

wintering cows in sheds at night to

save rounding them up on cold,

dark mornings. To my own know-

ledge, as an ex-dairyman, this has

always been the practice of dairy

Increasing the duration of cold,

dark mornings by altering GMT

would not militate against the

milking tedium; on the contrary, it

would add to it and increase the

expense of the operation.

January 3. ary 6 contrasts Scotland, where

north.

farmers.

Yours faithfully.

O. A. W. DILKE,

Moorfield, Huby.

Leeds, West Yorkshire.

From Mr J. D. Howell

putting clocks forward one hour in the winter is opposed, with the Scandinavian countries, which "seem to have no particular difficulty in adjusting". that on mainland Europe. What is not mentioned is that

Cleveland is 240 miles north of

PETER SOTHERAN (Chairman, Redcar Business Association), A. A. Sotheran Ltd., 14-16 Queen Street,

Yours sincerely, J. D. HOWELL. 16 Ennerdale Drive, Aughton, Ormskirk, Lancashire. Sir, Your leading article of Janu-

From Mr Peter Laws Sir, Your leader states that dawn arrives significantly later in large tracts of the Celtic fringe than it does "in the South".

There is approximately 45 minutes' difference between sunrise at Lowestoft and in west Cornwall, and even more all along the western parts of Ireland, including the far west of Ulster. The abolition of Greenwich Mean Time would be looked upon with trepidation here. Yours faithfully, PETER LAWS. 21 Lidden Road. Penzance, Cornwall.

The new Romania From Mrs Jessica Douglas-Home

Sir, I see from your news report (January 4) that the so-called Chief Rabbi of Romania, Moses Rosen, is still in Bucharest. I wonder how long the Romanian people will let him stay. You omitted to mention that he

was sent as chief emissary to praise the Ceausescu regime on many delicate missions round the world. Furthermore, Rosen has no true rabbinical background and, according to the true Chief Rabbi of Romania, Dr Alexandre Safran, was not chosen by the Jewish community. Safran is still alive, in spite of being hounded out of Romania with death threats by the communists in 1947. Rosen was privy to this campaign. Yours sincerely, JESSICA DOUGLAS-HOME,

code of ethics

the new code of conduct for Civil

Perhaps it is worth remembering that the FDA has been entirely consistent in our approach to a code of ethics for Civil Servants. Our proposed code, published by this association in 1986, is clear in its commitment to pursue dili-gently the implementation of Government policies and to pre-serve the confidences of ministers, by a politically neutral Civil Service which is expected to serve

To accuse anyone who recognises the crucial difference be-tween "all" and "most" as merely "hair-splitting" falls short of The Times's usually high standard of verbal accuracy. An absolute duty

Some Civil Servants, such as tax inspectors, have statutory duties which require them to act independently. Others have legal

The absolute nature of the required confidentiality and loyalty is well understood to be qualified already. We have consistently opposed departures from this position, and must do so again in respect of the proposed new code paragraphs.

From Lord O'Hagan, MEP for Devon (European Democrat (Conservative)) Sir, Now that the Labour Party has abandoned the closed shop, is it not time for the Conservative Party to think about reforming the House of Lords? Yours faithfully, O'HAGAN. 12 Lyndhurst Road,

Faithful friends

Exeter, Devon.

January 5.

From Mr Christopher Fry Sir, I took over my Corona portable 1917 model from the father of Richard Rodney Bennett when he changed his machine for

a new one in 1930. I have been clattering away on it for 60 years and, as you (if not your readers) see, there is no good reason to replace it. Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER FRY, The Toft, East Dean, Chichester, Sussex. January 5.

From Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Thorp

Sir, A very faithful and efficient friend is about to see daylight, as it does for one day every year in January, to help make the marmalade. It is a Spong patent slicer, bought by my mother around

Since the thickness of the cut can be instantly varied by the turn of a thumb screw and it never wears out, it is far better suited to its job than any modern electric mincer/slicer/what-have-you.

It cost 9s. 8d. (nearly 50p). The price was, of course, printed on the

Yours faithfully, J. P. THORP. Elm Cottage, Knightsbridge Road, Camberley, Surrey.

Name calling

January 4.

From the Reverend S. J. Davies Sir, Your perennially interesting league-table of baptismal names (January 1) prompts me to enquire whether the name Florence was ever given in the United Kingdom prior to Florence Nightingale's return from the Crimea, and her consequent fame.

It would be interesting to hear if among your readers there is any family record of this name being used before the Crimean War. Perhaps I may add that my first grandchild has very recently been named Florence. Yours sincerely.

S. J. DAVIES, The Devon & Exeter Institution, Cathedral Close, Exeter, Devon. January 5.

Sir, Mariegold Cowsill (January 5) may be possessed of one of the most unpopular Christian names, but surely it is also one of the most optimistic? Yours faithfully MERIEL THORNE, 45a Haldane Road, SW6. January 5.

From Miss Meriel Thorne



COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE January 10: The Prince of Wales received the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (the

Right Hon John Gummer, MP) at St James's Palace. His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Regiment of Wales, received Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher Elliott upon relinquishing command of the 1st Battalion and Lieuten-ant-Colonel Peter Kerruish upon assuming the appoint-ment, at St James's Palace. This afternoon The Prince of Wales presented the East of England Agricultural Society Awards at St James's Palace.

The Duke of Gloucester is to become President of Citizen Action's Parents Against To-bacco 1990 Campaign.

Institution of **Electrical Engineers**

The Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) is pleased to announce that the following have been admitted to the cla of Fellow and are permitted to use the designation FIEE:



Mr J. C. Gillis

A service of thanksgiving for James Clare Gillis will take place Monday, January 15, 1990, at 7.30 pm, at St Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, W?

Sir John and **Lady Cameron**

Sir John and Lady Cameron celebrated the 60th Anniversary of their marriage on Tuesday,

European Ball

The European Union of Women held their third dance on January 6, at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, Hyde Park. The guest of honour was Sir Christopher Prout, QC, MEP, Five hundred guests were received by Mrs A. Guillaume, Chairman of EUW, and Mrs J. Gornall, Chairman, the European Ball.

Marriage

Mr J.M. Folman and Mrs E.A. Inness The marriage took place in Nottingham on December 30, between John Merrett Folman and Elizabeth Anne Inness, née

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Graham Burton to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, in succession to Mr M. L. Tait, who has taken up a further Diplomatic Service appointment in London.

Latest wills

Lady Hanbury, of Great Amwell, wife of Sir John Hanbury, former chairman of Allen and Hanbury's, left estate valued at £5,066,489 net. She left her estate mostly to

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.C. Ibbott and Miss S.J. Pascall

Mr 1.W. Jones and Miss D.A. Nebbett

Mr M.M. Ivisen and Miss F.C. Trotman

and Mrs S.B. Farr
The engagement is announced between Brian Lockhart, of

Finchampstead, Berkshire, and Sheila Farr, of Naunton, Gloucestershire.

SCIENCE REPORT

Minigene clue in muscular

dystrophy research

severity is much more variable; even so, most Becker patients are mobile only until their late

hat more work will be needed to

One difficulty is that the

precise function of dystrophin is unknown, although there is

answer this.

Mr R.M. Mackenzie and Miss J.B. Spurling

Mr J.C.G. Bremridge and Miss M. Stewart-Wilson Mr S.J.P.B. Hood and Miss J.M. Prickett The engagement is announced between John Charles Godfrey, eldest son of Sir John and Lady Bremridge, of Church House, Bradford-on-Avon, and Maria, eldest daughter of Colonel and Richmond, Surrey, and Judith, only daughter of Mr D.W. Prickett and the late Mrs E.G. Mrs Ralph Stewart-Wilson, of Balnakeilly. Prickett, of Kingston Hill,

Mr A.M. Duthic and Miss A. Ahearne The engagement is announced between Andrew Marr, youn-

gest son of Professor Sir Herbert and Lady Duthie, of Radyr, Cardiff, and Andrea, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Noel Ahearne, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

and Miss V.S. Long
The engagement is announced
between Charles James, eldest
son of Mr Anthony Denton, of Northampton, and Mrs Paulina Kennell, of Littlehampton, and Veronica, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A. Long, of Kent.

Dr E.J. Ferguson and Miss P.V. Stuart The engagement is announced between Ewen James, eldest son of Dr and Mrs James Ferguson, of Newton Mearns, Glasgow, and Patricia Vivien, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs K.C. Stuart, of North Aston, Oxfordshire.

Lt Cdr R.W. Fraser, RN and Miss I.P.M. Clapham The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mrs K.M. Fraser and the late Mr

G.S. Fraser, of Higher Bebington, Wirral, and Isobei, only daughter of Lt Col and Mrs A.D. Clapham, of Idmiston, Mr M.D.R. Hampson and Miss A.C.D. Knowles The engagement is announced between Martin David Reay, son of Mr and Mrs D.V.T.

The discovery of a man aged 61 living a normal life despite lacking almost half of a vital

gene for muscle function raises hopes for a better understanding

of muscular dystrophy.

In a report in today's issue of Nature (vol 343, pp 180-182)
Kay Davies, of the Institute of Molecular Medicine at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, and her colleagues conclude that the man's truncated gene (or minigene) works almost as well as the whole gene found in healthy individuals. The researchers suggest that the

researchers suggest that the minigene could be used in the

fature for treating severe cases of muscular dystrophy by gene

American scientists discov-

red in 1983 that Ducher

muscular dystrophy, an inherited disease that affects males, is due to defects in the gene for

dystrophin. This a large protein essential for healthy muscle function. Patients suffering from

Duchenne muscular dystrophy, which affects more than 1 in every 4,000 males born, usually require wheelchairs in their

early teens and die at about 20

disease, Becker muscular dystrophy, is also caused by defects in the dystrophin gene. In contrast with the Duchenne

form, Becker muscular dys-trophy affects only about 1 in 30,000 live male births and its

Another milder form of the

years of age.

of muscular dystrophy.

The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of the late Raonull George Mackenzie and Mrs Fay Mackenzie, of Maiden Newton, Dorset, and Jestualine Respondents and Hampson, of Welwyn, Hertfordshire, and Anderley Claire Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Knowles, of Colchester, Essex. Jacqueline Bernadette, only daugther of Mr and Mrs Anthony Spurling, of Brightlingsea,

Mr M.H. Madeley and Mile A.M.E. De Lacy The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr R.A. and Dr M.T. Hood, of Mr and Mrs R.S.B. Madeley, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Titane, elder daughter of Mr and Mme

Pierre de Lacy, of Court St Etienne, Belgium. Inspector G.V. Newman and Miss J.L. Beard

The engagement is announced between Inspector Gregg Victor Newman, Royal Hong Kong Police, only son of Mr and Mrs B.V. Newman, of Johannesburg, S. Africa, and Joanna Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.I. Beard, of East Horsley,

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Ibbott, of Dorrington, Shropshire, and Susie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Pascall, of Slindon, Sussex. Mr M. Overton and Miss S.M.B. Drusy The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Overton, of King's and Miss D.A. Nebbert
The engagement is announced
between Toby, only son of Mr
and Mrs Tim Jones, of
Chadlington, Oxfordshire, and
Debra, elder daughter of Mr and
Mrs Ray Nebbett, of Worcester
Park, Surrey. Norton, Birmingham, and Susan daughter of Mr and Mrs B.C. Drury, of Broadstairs,

Mr C. Seekings and Miss I. Aultun and Miss I. Albuma
The engagement is announced between Cormac, son of Mr and Mrs I. Seekings, of Barnes, and Ingvild, daughter of Herr and Fru Aultun, of Grimstad,

and Miss F.C. Troman
The engagement is announced between Marcel, son of Lt Col and Mrs D.M. Ivison, of Camberley, Surrey, and Fiona Clare, daugther of Mr and Mrs D.A. Trotman, of British Embassy, Bangkok, and Fulham. Christopher Spence and Nancy Kline The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place in June, between Christopher

in June, between Christopher Alexander, twin son of Mr and Mrs Donald Spence, of Lower Farm Orchard, Preston Crowmarsh, Benson, Oxfordshire, and Nancy Corbin, of The Woodlands, Sandy Spring, Maryland, twin daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Max Meadors, of Closic New Mexico United of Clovis, New Mexico, United States of America.

Mr M.A. Stacey and Miss J.L. Lowe The engagement is announced between Michael Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Francis Stacey, of Dent, Cumbria, and Joanne Laura, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Lowe, of Redhill, Arnold, Nottingham. The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ian V. Thomson, of Kilcoy, Queensland, Australia

and Jenny, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Crockatt, of Aldham Hall, Ipswich, Suffolk. and Miss P.A. Gordon

The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs W.G. Tutt, of Wormley, Herts, and Patricia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Bruce Gordon, of Penticton,

Mr J.R. White and Miss K.L. Paton The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.G. White, of Cowes, Isle of Wight, and Bonne, eldest daughter of Mr J.M. Paton, of Dulwich, London, and Mrs M.C. Mortimore, of Javea, Spain. Mr M.W. Williams and Miss E.C. Sams

The engagement is announced between Martin Wykeham, son of Mr and Mrs David Williams of Devizes, Wiltshire, and Eve Caroline, daugther of Mr Paul Samson of Geneva, Switzer-land, and Dr Anne Bergonzi of Learnington Spa, Warwickshire.

Mr G.M. Woodruff and Miss S.C. Percy The engagement is announced between George, second son of the late Mr James Woodruff, DEC and Mr James Woodruff. DFC, and Mrs James Woodruff, of Belcombe Court, Bradford on-Avon, Wiltshire, and Susan on-Avon, winshire, and Susan, younger daughter of the late Mr Harry Percy and Mrs Harry Percy, of Ballygate House, Beccles, Suffolk.

Mr D.R. Wyatt and Miss A.L.G. Cassidy The engagement is announced between David Richard, son of Mr Donald Wyatt and the late Mrs Sheila Wyatt, of Dungannon Drive, Thorpe Bay, Essex, and Anne Louise Gurney, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Cassidy, of Vale End Cottage, Albury, Surrey.

Dinners

Technology
Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC,
Chairman of the Foundation for
Science and Technology, pre-

sided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Dr John Woods,

Dr Peter Hedgecock, Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson and Dr Mike

Sutton also spoke. Lord Trefgarne, Minister for Trade at

the Department of Trade and

House of Commons. Sir Marcus Fox, MP, chairman, presided.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of

Dennis Vine also spoke.

Birthdays today

The Right Rev J.A. Baker, Bishop of Salisbury, 62; Sir Alan Bowness, former director, Tate Gallery, 62; Mr Henry Cecil,

racehorse trainer, and Mr David Cecil, racehorse breeder, 47; Mr

Jason Connery, actor, 27; Mr Neville Duke, former test pilot,

Neville Duke, former test pilot, 68; Air Marshal Sir Reginald Emson, 78; Mr A.A. Gray, former chairman, Wellcome Foundation, 78; Lord Jacques, 85; Mr Alastair Morton, UK chairman, Eurotunnel, 52; Sir Anthony Nutting, former MP, 70; Mr J. Rashleigh Belcher, thoracic surgeon, 73; Mr Bryan Robson, footballer, 33; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Rogers, 62: Mr Arthur Scapill, trades

62; Mr Arthur Scargill, trade: unionist, 52; Air Commodor

Joy Tamblin, former director WRAF, 64; Mr R.C. Tress

spoke.

OBITUARIES

JOSEPHINE WHITEHORN 'Aunty Jo' of the BBC's Children's Hour

Mrs Josephine Whitehorn, work for the Corporation on a generation will never forget. who, as Josephine Plummer, freelance basis. She was the was known to thousands of author of several translations young wireless listeners of the from modern and medieval

wartime and post-war genera- French. tion as "Aunty Jo" of the BBC's Children's Hour, died on January 8. She was 76. She joined Children's Hour no children.

in January, 1943, producing David Davis writes: many programmes and also giving story readings in a series called Once Upon A Time which ran during the 1950s. From 1952 to 1959 she was assistant head of Children's Hour and worked closely with David Davis, completely sharing his philosophy and ideals, and they planned and produced programmes together.

Josephine Plummer was born in Leicester on Septem-ber 29, 1913, the younger daughter of Bertram and Amy Plummer. She was educated in Leicester and at Somerville College, Oxford, where she took an honours degree in modern languages.

She joined the BBC's Empire Department in 1936, then went to the Drama Department as secretary first to John Pudney and then to Stephen Potter. During the early part of the war she worked in the Foreign News Department.

staff in 1959 but continued to

Her marriage to John Roland Malcolm Whitehorn was dissolved in 1973. There were no children.

Masefield's "The Box of Delights", and you will find, at

Josephine was "Jo" to all of us who knew her, and all the thousands of children for whom the end of each day meant one thing only: "tea, and toast, and Children's Hour." She first came into my life when I returned from service in World War II to a BBC which had suffered many things since I left it in 1942, but which still had, tucked away behind the statue of Prospero and Ariel, a little covey of offices, "up the nursery stair", which was known as "The Children's

Hour. She needed no "Aunt" label to make her what she very quickly became: "Jo" of Children's Hour. She had so many sides to her many talents, but I think perhaps she would best liked to have been remem-

bered as a producer, of plays, and as a reader of stories. When I rejoined the team in 1946, she was well away with

Say, to any of that generation, "The Bell Family", "Ballet Shoes", "The Blue Doors Theatre", "Norman and Henry Bones" and, the greatRIHE CONTRACTOR

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est masterpiece of them all, the end of every cast list, the name of Josephine Plummer, as she was then. Her productions had all the marks of her deep artistic

sensibility, particularly in her choice of music and signature tunes such as the one she chose for "The Box of Delights." She was adored by all her casts, who remained her loving and devoted friends. She became my Assistant Head in 1953 when I succeeded May Jenkin as Head of the Department; it was to be a staunch and devoted friendship. She used to say, remembering the war years when I emerged slightly selfconsciously as a naval officer, that I always introduced her as This is my Number One". But my Number One and best friend she remained.

She had a radiant smile, a charming laugh, a splendid sense of humour and a kind welcome for everyone. It was a sad day for me when she had She resigned from the BBC all her masterpieces, which to give up the daily Hour and taff in 1959 but continued to many of my — and the older — walk in other pastures.

FILMER PARADISE

A driving force in the car industry said: "When the pain subsides

Filmer Melvin Paradise who died on January 3, aged 70, was unquestionably the most colourful motor industry executive of the past 25 years. A cigar-chomping American, he arrived on the European scene in 1959 in a burst of publicity that predictably led to criticism of him as "a brash knowit-all Yank".

But such was his openhanded, honest approach that he quickly won over col-leagues and rivals alike and leaves a large circle of friends and admirers in an industry in which many of his sayings are now part of its folklore.

His love affair with Europe began during the Second World war when he was involved in the American Lease-Lend operation to provide succour to the hardpressed Allies. He stayed here in the early post-war years as an executive with Lease-Lend's successor, the Marshall Pian.

State for Transport, was the principal guest and speaker and Mr Christopher Ward also Parish Clerks' Company
Mr Louis Lewis, Master of the
Parish Clerks' Company, presided at a court dinner held last
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government for the long and
supertually successful camthe kid who put G into President and Managing possible." night at Watermen's Hall after attending evensong at St Mag-nus-the-Martyr. Mr Horace Shooter, Mr Ian Byatt and Mr sition from colleagues in Ford Detroit to use an outside company to manufacture a Ford car in Italy - The Anglia

> Lester Suffield, the then Deputy Managing Director of the British Motor Corporation (the result of merging Austin and Morris), to become Managing Director of BMC's European operations based in

In 1967 he was recruited by

Torino.

his team for a pep talk. What came a close personal friend Lausanne.

he said that day is still

remembered by those present. "I plan to double our European sales in the next five years so if any of you guys want out, now is the time to tell me. There's a nice quiet job waiting for you at the home hase. "We are going to push more

iron in this marketplace then From 1959 to 1963 he was you ever dreamt was

20"...." stick with me and I will show you diamonds".

Such was his impact that soon after BMC merged with Leyland in 1968 to form British Leyland the Chairman, Sir Donald (now Lord) Stokes brought him back to Longbridge as Sales and Marketing Director of the for all group sales.

you realise that the sheer irreverence of this man for the Establishment is the best thing that has happened here for a very long time." British Leyland at the time

was racked with industrial warfare. Endless strikes, poorly designed and quality flawed cars made Paradise's sales crusade impossible. As losses mounted there were constant management changes at the highest level. However the call did not come for Paradise to join Donald Stokes as his right hand despite the fact that he made no secret of his ambitions and recipe for success.

As a result in October, 1973 he resigned and surprised everyone by moving to Singapore to join Worm Bros, car distributers and traders.

But in 1980 he was persuaded to return to Britain by Mr (now Sir) George Turnbull who had himself recently returned from a senior post in the Iranian motor industry to become Chief Executive of Director of Ford Italy. During this time he was awarded the came part of the industry's former Rootes Group acquired by Peugeot 1969. Turnbull, now the Chairman and Chief Executive of the Inchcape Group, had been Paradise's immediate superior when he was managing director of British Leyland and wanted him as his Assistant Managing Director at Talbot, Coventry with special responsibility for sales

and marketing Paradise tackled his new job with the total commitment Austin Morris car division. that had become his hallmark He later took on responsibility but colleagues said the old sparkle that had commanded Ausanne. Soon after his arrival one of such enduring loyalty was the immediately assembled his colleagues who later bemissing. In 1983 he retired to

LORD SWAYTHLING Early legislation affecting the road user

Lord Swaythling, 3rd Baron, and Westminster. He was mission was set up to control OBE, whose life encompassed commissioned in the Grena-profiteering. banking, agriculture and legislation on traffic law, died,

aged 91, at home, in Sussex, In the House of Lords, where he served on the Liberal Benches for many years, he spoke frequently on matters concerning agriculture and traffic law, a great interest of

his through his role as a

Magistrate.

He was behind two pieces of egislation which affected the lives of many road users. The first was the obligation for cyclists to have a rear light on bicycles after dark and the other, to allow motorists charged with a traffic offences a reasonable period of time to provide their driving licence. He was responsible for putting the second of these pieces of legislation through the House of Lords.

Stuart Albert Samuel Montagu was born on December 19, 1898, eldest son of the 2nd Baron, who was himself the eldest son of the banker and MP for Whitechapel, Sir Montagu Samuel Montagu, later ist Lord Swaythling.

He went to school at Clifton

Philip Wade, MBE, who has active part in improving the short period in 1946-47 at the died aged 77, was Librarian of the Royal Society of Medicine from 1953 to 1977.

Wade was one of a group of post-war medical librarians who began the transformation of their libraries from places of quiet desuetude for antiquarian research into modern aids for the practising physician and researcher, though, as an historian, he never lost sight of the need to preserve the record of the past for the user of the future.

He appreciated the specialized requirements of medical

dier Guards in 1917 and at the end of the First World War he completed his education at Trinity College, Cambridge.

On coming down from Cambridge he joined the family merchant banking firm of Samuel Montagu and Company and remained a Partner until 1954. He succeeded his father as 3rd Baron in 1927. It is true to say, however,

that banking was not his main interest in life. Lord Swaythling was a dedicated countryman and a prominent dairy farmer. He was President of the English Guernsey Cattle Society for two terms of office and Deputy President and subsequently President of the Association of British Dairy Farmers. He was also a Member of the Council of the National Cattle Breeders Association and the Royal Agricultural Society. He was one of the Founders and subsequently Master of The Company of Farmers.

During the Second World War, Lord Swaythling was Chairman of the Prices Commission, for which he was appointed OBE. The Com-

services nationally.

He joined the Royal Society of Medicine in 1935 after a brief time at the former National Central Library and remained with the Society, apart from war service in practitioners and played an military intelligence and a and a daughter.

Lord Swaythling was a Magistrate from 1928 to 1948 in the County of Southampton and, after moving to Surrey, G. from 1948 to 1980 was a Magistrate in that county.

As a prominent Member of the Anglo-Jewish community, Lord Swaythling was connected with many Anglo-Jewish charities. His main interest, in this connection, was the Jewish Lads and Girls Brigade which was founded by his family. His hobbies were sport and shooting and he was keenly interested in both cricket and rugby football.

He married in 1925 Mary Violet, a daughter of Major W. H. Levy, and a grand-daughter of the first Lord Bearsted. There were two sons and one daughter of the marriage which was dissolved in 1942. In 1945 he married, secondly, Mrs Jean Knox who was the Director of the ATS.

He is succeeded by his elder son, the Honourable David Montagu, who is Executive Chairman of Rothman's International, and a Director of The Daily Telegraph PLC.

PHILIP WADE

Born in Wentworth, York-shire, on January 19, 1912, he went to Barnsley Grammar School, and University College, London, where he read history and took the postgraduate diploma in librarianship; he also captained the University College first XI.

quality of medical library London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

He was an active member of the Medical Section of the Library Association in its early days and was on the organizing committee of the first international congres medical librarianship held in London in 1953. Philip Wade made a signifi-

cant contribution to medical librarianship, always en-J couraging protegees to take an international view of their

He is survived by one son



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Earlier research has shown up subtle differences in the types of genetic defect that lead to the two different forms of the disease. Although defects causing Duchenne muscular dystrophy severely disable the gene so that a patient produces little or no dystrophia, patients with Becker muscular dystrophy are still able to produce dystrophia, albeit in a less effective form.

With the aim of uncoveries dystrophia works so well could be that the massive deletion does Industry, was among those present. not affect the protein's ability to bind to the other proteins that form the skeleton of the muscle United and Cecil Club Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, a Vice-Chairman of the United and Cecil Club, was host at a dinner held last night at the

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some evidence that it might help muscle cells maintain their shape. If this is true, then the

This research could have im This research count have important implications for gene therapy for muscular dystrophy. Although scientists have not yet developed the sophisticated technology needed to perform gene therapy for any disease, one idea 's that viruses carrying healthy human dystrophin genes could be used to infect muscular dystrophy natients. The viruses with the aim of uncovering some of the genetic factors that determine the onset and progress of Becker muscular dystrophy, Davies and her group embarked on an in-depth genetic genetic at a family they make dystrophy patients. The viruses would enter the patients' cells smuggling the healthy genes members suffer from an ex-tremely mild form of the disease. Paradoxically, the researchers found all the members of the family they tested, including a weight trainer aged 25 and a

they could function as replacements for the defective genes already present. A serious problem with this idea, however, is that the normal dystrophin gene is very large, probably too large to squeeze into a virus particle. But the new weight trainer aged 25 and a man aged 61 who was still able to walk, to be carrying an enormous deletion of nearly half of the normal dystrophin gene. Although their finding begs the intriguing question of how the patients are able to survive with so little of the dystrophin gene, the scientists emphasize that more work will be needed to rch raises the possibility that a handy dystrophin minigene, small enough to be inserted into a virus, might prove adequate as a replacement for the defective genes that cause severe Duchenne muscular dys-

> **David Concar** C Nature-Times News Service, 1990

BIRTHS: II Parmigianino painter, Parma, Italy, 1503; Alexander Hamilton, American statesman, Nevis, West Indies, 1755; Sir John Macdonald, 1st prime minister of Canada, 1867-73, 1878-91, Glasgow, 1815; Kedleston, viceroy of India 1898-1905, Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire, 1859, Harry Gor-

William James, psychologist, New York, 1842; George Cur-zon, Marquess Curzon of don Selfridge, founder of the store bearing his name, Ripon, Wisconsin, 1864.

DEATHS: Sir Hans Sloane, physician and collector, physician and collector, London, 1753; Louis Francois Roubiliac, sculptor, London, 1762; Domenico Cimarosa, composer, Venice, 1801; Georges Eugene Haussmann, architect who re-planned Paris, Paris, 1891; Thomas Hardy, Dorchester, 1928; Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the Labour Party 1955-63, London, 1963; Lal Bahadur Shastri, prime minister of India 1964-66, Tashkent, 1966; Alberto Giacometti, sculptor, Chur, Switzerland,

Anniversaries

former master, Birkbeck College, 75. Richmond Tutorial

College Professor Jonathan Pollitzer is to deliver the Bowden Lecture on the educational pioneer, Mr Carey Palmer, at noon, on January 26, at the College. The lecture will deal with: A Public School Prodigy 1956-1961; Oxford and the Wilderness Years 1962-1974; The Educational Pioneer 1975-1989.

David Blundy

The memorial service for David Martin-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, January 24, at noon, and not as previously sculptor. Chur, Switzerland, 1966; Padraic Colum, poet, Enfield, Connecticut, 1972

School announcements Scholarship auditions on Feb-

The Lent Term began on Tuesday, January 9. Entrance examinations will be held on January 26, for the School and Junior College and February 2, for the Senior College, Scnior Scholarship examinations will be held on February 8 and 9. There will be a performance of Royal Ladies - a Shakespearian anthology - on Wednesday, March 14. The Dent Lecture on "Adventures in Looking" will be given by Lady Vaizey on Friday, March 16. Founder's Day will be March 27, and the Preacher at the Founder's Day

Royal Grammar School, Guildford

Lent term at the Royal Grammar School begins today and ends on March 30. The Entrance Examination for boys wishing to enter the First Form in 1990 will be held on January 13, the 11 plus Scholarship Examination on February 7 and the Music

ruary 26. The 13 plus Academic Scholarship candidates will be examined on March 5 and 6. There will be a Chamber Con-cert on February 28, and the Choral Society will perform Verdi's Requiem in Guildford Cathedral on March 17. The RGS invitation Under-16 Sev ens will take place at Bradstone Brook on March 4. The annual dinner for Old Guildfordians at Oxford and Cambridge will be at Gonville and Caius College on February 17; and AGM of the OG Association, followed by the Association's annual dinner. Service will be the Right Revwill be held at the school on erend John Taylor, Bishop of St

St Catherine's School, Bramley, The Spring Term begins today.

Confirmation by the Bishop of Dorking will be held on Saturday, February 10. The School Play, Lady Windermere's Fan, will be produced on the evenings of March 13-17, in Speech Hall. Long Leave is from February 17-21, and the term ends on Friday, March 23.

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and Richard. a daughter.
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Elizabeth.
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Jessel) and Maric. a son.
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Onée Cullen) and Kieran, a
son. Thomas Joseph. Warmesi thanks to all bospital staff. esi thanks to all hospital staff.

GOW - On December 19th
1989, at the Sritish Hospital.
Paris, to Angus and Elizabeth
(née Murray). a daughter.
Annabelle Louise.

HOWE - On January 9th 1990.
to Deborah (née Bryson) and
Adrian. a daughter.
Elizabeth Thea.

KING - On January 8th 1990.
to Saily and James: at the
Matikia Hospital in Hong
Kong, a son.

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samer for Amy. ##DGLEY - On January 2nd. at The Rosie, Cambridge, to Alison and Ross, a daughter Helen Mary, a sister for Clare.

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PULLING - On December 27th 1989. to Kathy (née Cortright) and Richard, a daughter. Calitin Ann.

ROSOBAM - On January 8th. to Alison (née Brooks) and Michael. a daughter. Siephanie Claire, a sister for Thomas and Caroline. SERMAM - On November 29th 1989, to Christine and Peter. a son. Tristan David. a brother for James, Caristopher and Alexander. STBITON - On January 8th. to Caroline (née Wallis) and Julian, a son. William Edmund.

SUTHERIAMD - On January 1st 1990. to Brian Mark and Simone. a daughter. Alexandra Roseanna Elizabeth.

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Without - On January 9th
1990. at Clinique de
Montcholst. Lausanne, to
Marienne (née Veth) and
William. a son. Alexander
William. a son. Alexander
William. a brother for Emily
Victoria.

DEATHS

ALMOND On January 10th, peacefully at the Brisin Royal Informary, Lestie, aged 88 years, Sadly missed by daughter's Jean and Sylvia, son Peter and son-in-law Raymond and their families.

BOWER On Tuesday January 9th 1990, at The Dower House, Headbourne Worthy, Lt. Gen. Sir Roger Bower K.C.B. K.B.E., in his 87th year, Beloved hushand of Catherine and loved father and grandfather. Private and grandfather. Private cremation. Family flowers only. Thanksgiving Service Saturday February 3rd at St. Peter's Church. St. Mary Bourne at 2.50 pm. Any developments.

Peter's Church. St Mary Bourne at 2.50 pm. Any donations to St Peter's Church.

BURT - On January 9th 1990. In hospital. Eric John, Clerk in Holy Orders. aged 86 years, of Bonded, Colchester. Widower of Viola R.R. Burt. dear father of Anne and Bunty (deceased) and grandfather of Chris and Ste. Debble and Paul. Clarv and Paul. Calny and Judith and great grandfather of Highly regarded friend and Priest of Ben. Nathan. Hammah. Emma and Alice. Highly regarded friend and Priest of his parishioners in his Curacies of Kingsbridge. South Devon and St Budeaux, Phymouth. Vicar of St Michael's. Devouport 1936-46. St John's. Nybridge, with St Petror's. Harford. Devon 1946-62 and St Andrew's, Curry Rivel. Somerset 1962-71. In his retirement assisted at services at Ringwood. Hampshire and Boxded and Langhain. near Colchester. Funeral Service on Tuesday January 23rd at St Peter's Church, Boxned at 11.15 am, followed by private cremation, No flowers, but if desired donations to British Heart Foundation. C/o W.H. Stephard Funeral Director. 53/94 High Street.

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letters, please, by his request.
8LEAVE. On Jamusry 8th
1990. Rachel Margaret
Wollace, in Cambridge,
peacefully and with dignity
after a brief illness.
Cremation private at her
own request. No flowers
please, but donations if
desired to The Cardeners
Benevolent Fund at Bridge
House, 139 Kingston Road,
Leatherhead, Surrey, would
have given pleasure, 'De
mortula nit nist bonum',

9088117 - On January 7th

GOKE - On January 9th 1990, suddenly at Bentley, Garald Edward Coke C.B.E. Very beloved husband of Patricia. Private cremation.

Privale cremation. Immediate family only. No letters, please, by his request.

GOBBITT - On January 7th 1990, peacefully in Westonsuper-Mare. Charlotte Be. Lottle' fare March aged 93. Widow of the Revd. R.H.S. Gobbitt M.B.E. M.A., F.C.A. mother of Pat Whyman. Winscombe. Avon, and grandmother of James. John and Mary. R.L.P.

GUTTS - On December 26th. Evelyn Caroline. aged 94. beloved wife of the lake George Richard Cotts M.B.E. Sadly missed by the family. Funeral has taken place.

GREZ - On January 9th. peacefully at home. Alexander Cariton Greg. ged 88 years. of Ash House. Acton Bridge. Cheshire and Shieldaig. Stracharton. Ross-shire, husband of late Katthleen Jean Bortiwick Greg and uncie to Peter. Naomi and Mark. Funeral 11.30 am Monday January 18th at Bowden Gamily only! Family flowers to Church. Cremation January 18th at Bowden Gamily only! Family flowers to Church. Cremation January 18th at Bowden Gamily only! Family flowers to Church. Cremation January 18th at Bowden Gamily only! Family flowers to Church. London SWIX 7ER.

MARRAGIN - On January 2nd. in a road accident in Kenva. Samanha. Much beloved daughter of Lee and Paula. adored sister of Alestin and David. and treasured grandGaughter of Alestin and Thea. A loyous girl who will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her. Cremation has taken place in Nairoth. Date of Memorial Service in England to be appreciated.

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MAWKESWORTH - On January 10th, peacefully in hospital, in his 80th year. Chartes Peter Eimhirst, of Aldborough, Boroughbridge, A dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral on January 15th at 2 pm. St. James' Church, Boroughbridge, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

RUGHES On January 7th 1990, peacefully at Harpwood Home, near lightham, Kent. Maria Adeline, aged 88. Dearly loved mother of Yvonne and Shella, grandma of Lucy and mother-lo-law of Bill. Funeral at Tumbridge Wells Cremetorium on Thursday January 18th at 10 am. Enquiries to Sears Funeral Service, lei: (0732) 883178.

Service, tel: (0732) 883178.

MUTTON - On January 5th 1990. peacefully in The Doncaster Royal Infirmary, George Arthur. M.R., Pharm.S., aged 83 years. Dearly beloved husband of Dorothy, father of Jean and Ann. Funeral Service on Tuesday January 16th at 2.15 pm in St Lawrence's Church. Hattleid. near Doncaster, followed by Church, Hatfield, near Doncaster, followed by committel at Rosehill Crematorium at 3 pm.

Crematorium at 3 pm. Family flowers only please. donations to Royal Pharmaceutical Society Benevolent Fund, 1 Lambeth High Street. London SCI 7JN., or The Rheumanology Research Fund, c/o Dr. Bax. Netheredge Hospital. Dept. of Rheumatology. Sheffield, SII 9EL. Rheumatology, S11 9EL. ERONSIDE - On January 10th

ROKINDE - On Jahüary 10th 1990, pepcehtily in hospital. Margaret, aged 78 years, of Wadebridge. Cornwall. Donations in lieu of flowers if desired to Whispet Rescue, 9 Hatherley Road. Sidcup. KNUPFFER - On January 7th 1990, peacefully. George, aged 82. LEVENTIS - On Tuesday Jan-uary 9th. in Nicosia. Cyprus. Christos P. Leventis. beloved husband of Avgie and father of Deno. Tesso and Harry. Funeral to be held on January 11th in Nicosia.

MACTAGGART - On January
9th. in Baptist Hospital,
Miami. after a long illness
courageously fought. Shella
McKinney (Tribiel, wife of
Neil of Nassau. Behamas,
mother of Ann. Robin. Neil,
Tara and Andrew,
grandmother of Richard,
Sarah. Islay and Julia, sister
of Mailie and Andy. A
service will be held at St
Anne's Church, Nassau. on
January 15th.

MUTTING - On January 4th. suddenty at home. Annie, toving and beloved wife of Anthony. Private funeral took place on January 9th. Donations, if desired, to The Brooke Hospital for Antinals, i Regent Street, London SW1 or to the Motor Neurone Disease Association, 61 Derngale, Northampton NN1 1UE.

O'DWYER - On January 6th 1990, following an accident. Fr. Timothy (Patrick) O.D.C. of 41 Kensington Church Street, London. W8, and late Lablinch. County Clare. Deeply regretted by his loving brothers and family and by his fellow Carmelites, relatives and friends, Rest in Peace. Funeral took place in Ennis on Monday. January 8th 1990, Solemn Concelebrated Sung Memorial Mass in the Carmelite Church, 41 Kensington Church Street. London. WB 48B at 6 pm Thursday. January 11th 1990.

ORTON - On January 6th, at home in London, Christine (formerly of Norwich), mother of Rupert, Adam and Both. Funeral Friday January 12th. 5 pm Masylebone Crematorium, East Finchley. Enquiries to W.G. Miller, 95 Essex Road, NI, tel. 01-226 3886.

PADDOCK - On January 7th 1990. Thomas Edward Durham, M.S.E. M.C. Member of Honour The National Union of Journalists.

Durham. M.B.E. M.C. Member of Honour The National Union of Journalists, peacefully, aged 76 years. Dearly loved husband of Fireda and very dear father of Susan. Edward and Helen. Service at St John the Evangelist Church, Knolly Ash, Liverpool 14, on Monday January 15th at 3.15 pm. followed by cremation at Springwood Crematorium at 4 pm. All enquiries to 4 pm. All enquirles in Pearson Collinson Funera Directors (051) 722 1514
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PARMSTER - On Decembor 18th, in South Africa, John Denny Parmiller, Husband of the late Iris, tale Headmaster of Eagle House, Sandhurst.

PIM - On January 8th 1990. Suddenty. Nora Violet Middleton Pim. aged 84 years. of Holly House, Sarrowby, near Grantham, Sister of Sue and sister-in-law of Dr. James Hopper. The funeral service will take place on Tuesday January 16th at Barrowby Church at 11.15 am, followed by Internent in the family grave in Grantham Cemetery. Donations in lieu of flowery. Donations in lieu of flowery. Donations in lieu of flowery. Res.P.C.A. or R.U.K.B.A.

REKSARDS - On January 9th, peacefully at home in Harrare in his 82nd year, A.B. 'Bob'. Dearly loved husband of Jane, devoted faiher to Pam, Peter. Liz and Kay.

ROW - On January 6th 1990.

ROW - On January 6th 1990, In hospital, Alice Harriett, of Crowborough, Sussex, Dear sister of Hilda, Edna and Ida. Funeral Service a Tunbridge Well Crematorium on Thursday Crematorium on Thursday January 18th at 1 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The British Red Cross Society or The Girl Guides Association. c/o Paul Bysouth Funeral Services. Crowborough, tel: (0892) 655000.

SACHS - On January 9th, shortly before his 84th birthday, in Bad Soden, Germany, Dr. Werner, beloved husband of Annemarie and greatly loved father and grandfather of Peter. Ursula and Ruth: Paul, Monica. Jonathan, Kate. Tom, Lee. Andrew and Sarah. Much missed by 9il. Fumeral. January 12th at 11 am at the Friedhof am at the Friedhol Neuenhain 6232 Bad Soden. Germany. Flowers may be sent directly to the Friedhof.

STACEY - On January 9th, peacefully in hospital. Sadie Elizabeth, aged 86. Widow of William Shaw and Wing Commander Frank Stacey. Futteral January 18th at 12.30 pm at Chichester Crematorium. No flowers. donations if desired to St Wilfrid's Hospite. Chichester.

STIRK - On January 10th, peacefully in High Wycombe Hospital, Jack was a much loved husband, faither, grandad and friend. Funeral Service at All Saints, Mariow on January 17th at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation at Amersham Crematorium at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to "Scannappeal". Amersham General Hospital, Bucks.

TAIT - On January 9th 1990, at Royal Berkshire Hospital. In true courage, Alice Lillian (Lou), aged 69. Wife of the late William Talt and very much loved mother of Penelope. Miranda and Andrew. Family flowers only. Memorial Service at Swallowfield Church at 11.15 am on Friday January 19th. Donations to The Parkinson's Disease Society. London.

WORTH - On Monday January
8th. at the Warren Gate
Nursing Home. Kingswood.
following tengthy liness.
Johannes Arthur Heinz
Worth. Husband of Hanny.
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Funeral Service at 10 am on
Friday January 19th at St.
Andrew's Church.
Kingswood. Family Rowers
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Heart Foundation. 102
Gloucester Place, W1. In his
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ON THIS DAY

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Was in Sulfa Over 30 years ago Lord Wheatley's judgment caused some misgivings, notably those expressed by the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Fisher, but the development since of scientific options for the "raising of a family" today make the Scottish judge's ruling seem not particularly out of the sem THE TEST OF THE POST OF THE PO out of the way.

INSEMINATION NOT ADULTERY

Edinburgh Jan 10. A Judge of the Court of Sessions here today, while expressing criticism of the moral implications of artificial insemination, decided that a woman whose child was born to a man not her husband but was the result of artificial insemination without her husband's consent was not guilty of adultery. This decision was in the form of a

preliminary judgment by Lord Wheatley in an action for decree of divorce raised by Ronald George Maclennan, formerly of Oakley Ter-race, Glasgow, whose present whereabouts were not disclosed, against his wife, Mrs Margaret Euphemia Shortland, or Maclennan, whose address was given as Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.
Holding that lack of specification of the time and place of the artificial

insemination, on which the defendant founded her defence, offended against the rules of that fair notice which ought to be given to a plaintiff, his Lordship adjourned the case for two weeks so that the wife might supply the necessary details.

Lord Wheatley, who described the defence as "unique in the annals of our law", said the parties had not

insemination through a donor and that artificial insemination by a donor was not adultary as the law understood it. The husband maintained that he never agreed to his wife adopting this course if, in fact, it ever took place, and that such a general defence was irrelevant. Lord Wheatley said there were "manifestly grave moral, ethical, social and personal considerations involved in the practice of artificial insemination in its various forms which would no doubt be fully deployed elsewhere." It was almost trite to say that a married woman who was artificially inseminated in order to have a child who would not be the child of her marriage had committed a grave and heinous

lived together since March 1954. In July 1955, the wife gave birth to a

girl. Her claim was that the child had been born as the result of artificial

offence of contract of marriage; but the question for him to determine was not the moral culpability of such an act but whether it constituted adultery in its legal meening. BREACH OF CONTRACT If it was not adultery, although a grave breach of the marriage con-tract, that was a matter for the legislature, if it was thought that a separate legal remedy should be

provided. Lord Wheatley said that, having examined the law of England on adultery and having found nothing to persuade him that the law of Scotland was not the same on the subject, and having studied the opinious expressed by judges in other countries, and in text books, he had reached the conclusion that artificial insemination did not come within the definition of sexual intercourse as understood by Scots law. "If my views be correct, then it

WHITEHORN - On January 6th 1990, peacefully in Kings Cottege Hospital, Josephine. Funeral at All Sainbs Church, Mountifield, Sussex, on Tuesday Jonuary 16th at 11.30 am. A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date. Flowers or donations to BACUP to C Waterhouse and Sons, High Street. Burwash. East Sussex, tel: (0435) 882219.

MEMORIAL SERVICES CHANCELLOR . A Memoria

CHANCELLOR • A Memorial Service for Sir Christopher Chancellor CMC, will be held in the Chapel of St Faith in the Crypt of St Pauli's Cathedral on Tuesday January 30th at 12 noon.

DANEY - Dudley. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday January 13th 1990 at 12 noon in The Parish Church of the Annunciation, Bryanston Street, London Bryanston Street, London WI. WI.

MERISON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Hugh Merison will be held at St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhaft in the City of London on Tuesday January 30th at 11.30 am.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE JAMES Patrick, In loving JAMES Patrick, in loving memory on his birthday. 'And the pales of it shall not be shut at all, by day: for there shall be no night there.' Madge and Jinumy. BilLEY - Tom. In ever losing memory of a beloved husband, glather and grandiather, on our Colden Wedding Anniversary.

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at 10.15 a.m by a general meeting in the creditors for the purposes of:
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proxy holder to attend and vote instead of him or her. A proxy holder need not be a member or creditor of the company. Produce for use at either of the member or must be lodged at the address shown above no later than 12 noon on 30th January 1990. Please note that the original proxy signed or on behalf of the member or creditor must be lodged at the above address mentioned; photocopies idecluding faced copies) are not acceptable. Dated the 2nd day of January 1990 M.J. London Liquidetor London W2 GLF

IN THE MATTER OF
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AND IN THE MATTER OF
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Leonard Curits & Co
Chartered Accountants
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AND IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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to the undersigned & D Goodman
FCA. 30 Easthourne Terrace,
London W2 GLF, the Liquidator
of the said Company, and, if so
required by notice in writing
from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to
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shall be specified in such notice or
in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts
are groved
Dated this 21st day of THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN BANKRUPTCY
SALISBURY COUNTY COURT
NO. 198 OF 1987
RE: IAN STUART GORDON
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SHAFTESBURY. GERTRUDE
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Dated 29 December 1989

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K.D. Goodman Liquidator This notice is purely formal. All brown creditors have been, or will be paid in full.

IN THE MATTER OF ENVIROTECH LABORATORIES

PIZZABBLITY FOOD
SERVICE'S LIMITED
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NOTICE IS HEREBY CEVEN persuant to Section 98 of the insolvency Act. 1985, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the officer of Moore Stephens. St. Paul's House. Warvick Lane. London ECAP 48th on Monday 16th January 1990, at 11am for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected tree of Charge at Moore Stephens. St. Pauls House days preceding the above meeting. Dated the 20th day of December 1989
By Order of the Board
B A Symes Director

IN THE MATTER OF ENVIROTECH LABORATORIES AND IN THE MATTER OF THE DISOLVENCY ACT 1986 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required on or before the 51st day of January 1990, to send in their full force and the company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required on or claims and the railing and their full force and the company. The company of their Solicitors if may to the undersigned K D Goodman FCA, 30 Easthourne Terrace. London W2 64F, the Lleudentor of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator. are, personally or by their Solicitors, to create and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. It day of December 1989 K.D. Goodman Liquidator

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On 19 December 1989 the com-pany was placed in members' vol-untary liquidation and Anthony impary liquidation and Anthony John Potrick Breveton of Price Waterhouse was appointed liquidation by the shareholders.

The liquidator give notice pursuant to Rule 4,182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, to writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 31 January 1990 which is the less day for proving claims. The liquidator also give notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution. The company is able to play all its known creditors in Itali.

Place: 8 January 1990 AJP Breveton Liquidator

CONTRACTS & TENDERS

SCOTTISH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT **EDINBURGH - NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE** TRUNK ROAD A68

GROUND INVESTIGATION CONTRACT FOR THE DALKEITH NORTHERN BYPASS The Secretary of State for Scotland proposes to trivite binders from experienced contractors for a ground investigation of a new length of Trunk Road to Byses Dallands on the Edinburgh - Newcastle-Upon-Type Trunk Road (A66) some 12 km south east of Edinburgh.

The investigation generally comprises approximately 1200m of percussive borne, 1,000m of rotary coring 900m of rotary percus-sive drilling and trial pits, institu and laboratory lessing and the preparation of a factual and interpretative report. The Contract is required to facilitate the design of road povernents cuttings and embankments, the design of bridge foundations and the consolidation of shallow mine workings.

The estimated cost of the investigation is £140.000. It is hoped that contract documents will be issued in February 1990. The contract period will be about 22 weeks Contractions withing to be considered for inclusion in the list of firms to be invited to tender for this contract should apply to the Chief Road Engineer. Scotlish Development Department. New St Andrew's House. Edinbursh EH1 352 not later than 22 January 1990 quotion reference RYC/LIGH2/2. Thereafter invitations to tender will be extended to selected contractors and the necessary contract documents and drawings will be tested by W A Fairhurst and Parthers. 43 George Stress, Edinburgh EH2 224T.

The intending is that bendering will be restricted to firms of proven capacity and experience who, at the time, will be in a position to submit a perulinely competitive tender. Contractors who, because of other commitments or for any other reason do not apply to be considered for the investigation will not in any way prejudice their eligibility for consideration for future contracts.

PUBLIC NOTICES

MARITIME TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED **NOTICE OF MEETING OF BONDHOLDERS**

A meeting of the holders of the First Mortgage Bonds (the "Bonds") of Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company, Limited (the "Company") will be held at the Head Office of Central Guaranty Trust Company, 20th Floor, 1801 Holls Street, Haiffax, Nova Scota, on February 9, 1990 at 2:00p.m. This notice is given pursuant to Section 2 of Article Twelth of the Deed of Trust and Mortgage securing the Bonds entered into between the Company and The Eastern Trust Company, as trustee and dated January 1, 1926 as amended from time to time by Supplementary Deeds of Trust and Mortgage (collectively the "Trust Deed"). Central Guaranty Trust Company is the current trustee under the Trust Deed.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider and, if thought fit, to pass an extraordinary resolution to consent to an amendment to the Trust Deed.

In general terms, the amendment will enable the Company to lease to Trizec Equities Limited a par-cel of land of approximately 22,000 square feet owned by the Company on the corner of Hollis and Sater Streets, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The lease will be for a term ending on April 30, 2037, with such other terms and conditions as the Company considers expedient. The tenant's leasehold interest in this parcel of land will be tree and clear from the hen and charge of the Trust Deed.

The amendment will also authorize the Trustee to execute a Supplemental Trust Deed and to take all other action required to give full effect to the amendment.

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This notice is being advertised to give notice to the holders of bearer coupon Bonds, including all the holders of Series AA Bonds, which were issued in that form only. A holder of bearer coupon Bonds wishing to attend and vote at the meeting must either produce the Bonds after the meeting or deposit the Bonds with a bank or trust company, which will sign a voting certificate that the holder can obtain from the Company, the Trustee or the Bank of Montreal in London. England (the paying agent for the Series AA Bonds.) A voting certificate will entite the person named in it to attend and vote at the meeting or to complete a form of proxy to enable some other person to represent the holder at the meeting. The Company will pay the reasonable charges of any bank or trust company accepting Bonds for deposit Holders of bearer coupon Bonds may obtain voting certificates, a form of proxy and the regulations for the meeting made by the Trustee by calling or writing as follows:

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1-800-565-7168 (toll free in Canada and the U.S.)

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BOOKS

English easier

Peter Ackroyd on the latest reports on how our language is alive and lively

few years ago it was fashionable to declare the Death of Language. As some adjunct to the Macluhanite fantasy that the printed word was rapidly becoming obsolete, certain academics and cultural journalists flirted with the entertaining no-tion that discursive or complex language was being replaced by pervasive visual imagery or, more romantically, by Silence. It was nonsense then, and it is nonsense now - nowhere more clearly revealed than in this volume, the contributors to which display a far more sophis-

ticated awareness of language than the cultural mentors of the recent and not so recent past.

Here are essays on the language of the law, the language of advertising, the language of Wall Street, the language of computers, the language of rock music, the language of graffiti, the language of bad language. The contributors address language, attack or cele-brate its various forms, plead with it, denounce it, and analyse it. There is an interesting discussion, for example, on the nature of censorship and "free speech", Although of course speech is never ee for those who know how to use it properly. In the context of the book itself it is important to note that there are variations of syntactical constraint (let alone overtly social or political restraints) which determine the nature of what is said or what is

written. And, if this makes language resemble some deity to be propitiated, or some life force of which the manifestations are uncertain, then no clearer evidence isneeded than the three essays in this volume which examine the way in which words can tyrannize

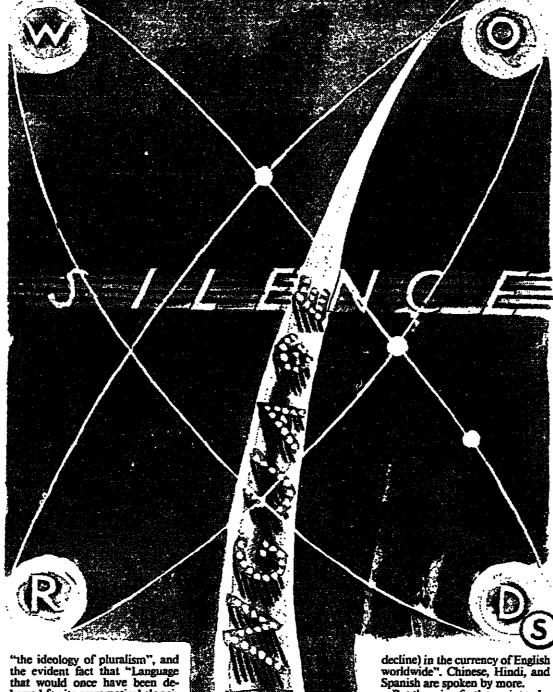
the victims of Aids - the very term "victim" in this sentence being a case in point. In fact these essays cogently demonstrate how the adoption of a certain vocabu-lary, the use of certain key terms, even the choice of transitive or intransitive verbs, can actively shape the public awareness of the condition - can indeed shape the experience of the sufferer and the understanding of his own body. Language ceases to be that abstract context in which somehow we all float harmlessly, but instead takes its place at the frontier of sensibility and response; it becomes the pressure which

pushes us for-THE STATE OF THE wards through LANGUAGE the world. Edited by Christopher Ricks and Leonard Michaels Faber, £17.50 That is why a volume of this kind is of vital

> registering the movements and changes in the language itself. But if there is one useful generalization to be elicited from these essays, it is perhaps the one most to be expected. A study by Keith Thomas of the way people salute each other at the beginning and end of correspondence, for example, comes to much the same conclusion as an analysis of swearing by Roy Harris that there has been a steady rise in the use of the demotic in formal contexts as well as an increase in general informality of address. This does not imply imprecision or any necessary deterioration of standards, but rather a general movement towards what Thomas describes as the trust in "unpretentiousness, ease of access, consideration, amiability". This may in turn be connected with another conclusion here, that the interest in the etymological roots

importance in

of meaning is declining. But these changing ideas of the nature and status of grammar, the rise of what one contributor calls



barred for its grammatical sloppiness or incoherence is permitted in any newspaper or broadcast news bulletin", all relate to the one central phenomenon: there is no longer one common culture, one accepted set of values, one "core" of stable meanings, from which English can be said to derive.

Nevertheless it really does no good to complain about changes in the vocabulary and structure of our language, and those who over-emphasize the niceties of grammatical structure run the risk of ignoring the capacious and forceful life of proper English. Language is dynamic and comprehensive: as soon as it becomes defensive or exclusive it loses half or its real strength. If language is indeed the very proof and test of identity, as so many of the essayists here suggest, then surely it is wrong to encase it in a historical plaster cast? It must

always, naturally grow and change. It is undoubtedly true, for example, that there is something close to the "internationalization" of English and that "to write it no longer seems an Anglo-Saxon prerogative". It is not now seen as the domain of a superior race or culture, and in any case, as Randolph Quirk observes, "we are witnessing a significant relative decline (perhaps even an absolute

But there is a further point to be

made here about Australian writ-

ing (and by extension that of other

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English-speaking cultures), even if the contributor on Australian English does not make it for himself - the evident fact that many Australian novelists now use English with an almost magical fluency suggests how closely they resemble Irish poets and prose-writers of the earlier decades of the century. They have learned how to subvert a colonial language from within, and thus to render it capable of more subtle and more surprising effects than those who are still, as it were, imprisoned within their inheritance. It might be interesting to note in this context that, of the 62 contributors to this volume, 30 are academics and 33 are American or Canadian. To use a dead and now apparently forgotten tongue, quis custodies ipsos custodes?

Lost Powys parable rewon F. Powys wrote Father Adam in the early Twenties. It has rested in the archives

unpublished, until it kicks off a projected reprinting of the author's many novels and a biography of him. It is high time, and not too late. For Father Adam has been ridiculously neglected - even by the writer himself. Resurrected, as so many lost manuscripts are these days, from the archives at Austin, Texas, which seem to be the repositories of most of the wit and wisdom of Britain between the world wars, Father Adam is elegant and amusing, profound and sparse. The introduction does it an injustice - it is no experiment, but a Spartan achievement. Brevity may be the soul of wit,

but is it also the essence of the novella. No word is wasted in this tale of the dying Ralph Crew, who has always tried to keep the Ten Commandments as other people try to keep dividends. The shorthand of Powys is his humour. The reader is given notes on various lives counterpointed with strange and true details. Incongruity provokes laughter. Irony scratches the ribs delicately. Crew bequeaths a living and the keeping of the Ten Commandments to Father Gabriel Adam, an apostle sent to earth, who happens to meet his village Eva . . And so read on. The terse excellence of this early book by T. F. Powys is both a parable and a brief delight. A new commandment is finally given that ye love one another. This is something to make a new year.

Chingiz, like the great destroy-ing Khan, is a good name on the steppes and in the Tien Shans, the mountains where the Kirgiz still graze their camels and sheep and horses near the borders of China. Chingiz Aitmatov, the popular author of Mother Earth and Other Stories, was brought up among these heirs of the Mongols; his father and two uncles were shot in one of Stalin's purges; yet he became a leading member of the Writers' Union and won the Lenin Prize for Literature. He has adapted the oral folklore of his people to the technological changes brought by the Russian Revolution. Communist and conservative, prophet and re-actionary, he writes because he can hardly reconcile the contradictory impulses that rage within his people and himself. The solution s a mysticism of the soil, which finally binds everything earth to dust to ashes.

An old mother talks to a field in 'Mother Earth" and recalls the passing of the nomads, the coming of the combine harvesters and the trains, the effect of distant wars on na those who stayed behind. Adolescents describe adult ways in "Jamila" and "Camel Eye": women are the unknowable centres of persistent love in most of the stories. The courage to endure is all. A primitive animism suffuses these Kirgiz tales: fields and plants talk back, nature communicates. To lose that link is to lose life. Aitmatov is no Isaac Babal, riding with the Cossacks to fight. His heroes and heroines are bound to pasture and furrow, the voices of the steppe and slope, with the furies of revolution and conflict mere echoes from a far ravine. Uno Chiyo's life is as extraor-

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FICTION

Andrew Sinclair

FATHER ADAM By T. F. Powys Brynmill Press, £8.40 MOTHER EARTH AND OTHER STORIES By Chingiz Aitmatov Translated by Jim Riordan Faber, £12.99 **CONFESSIONS OF** LOVE By Uno Chiyo Translated by Phyllis Birnbaum Peter Owen, £12.95 THE ALCHEMIST

By Mark Illis

Bloomsbury, £12.95

dinary as her books. In her way, she is the Japanese combination of Colette and Elinor Glyn. Confessions of Love purports to be the memoirs of a married artist, with whom Chiyo lived for five years. She met him after his failed suicide attempt with his mistress: they made love on the bloodsoaked bed. These peccadilloes of a feeble and egoistic painter appear to owe more to Chiyo than to him: they seem to be humiliation rather than revelation, abasement rather than amour. The tough young women of the Twenties pursue and take the artist, whose failings outweigh his attractions. Weak men are all the rage in Japan, but only a woman could confess that of them.

ark Illis takes the reader through the flawed innocence and magic perceptions of childhood and adolescence. Billy is led into mystery and conspiracy, burglary and evil. His father's bold schemes, such as infiltrating Mills & Boon with literature like Middlemarch, his The Circus of Delights of Mr Melody, and the get-rich-quick plots of J. T. Archer, are all forms of alchemy. Melody defines it best in his search for the Perfect Sweet: alchemy is the making of something golden from mundane

That is what Illis does in The Alchemist, transforming an ordinary child-rearing and introduction to sin into a fantastic and dangerous quest for truth. In a finale that is nightmare and spell, Archer reveals himself as Melville's Confidence Man - a performer who believes in his every role, and thus has integrity within the philosopher's stone.



Brian Inglis, a veteran of The Irish Times and The Spectator is probably best known for his prominence in the television series What the Papers Say and All Our Yesterdays. More recently, he has achieved a certain reputation as a writer of books on fringe medicine and parapsychology, but it is his training as a historian which is most clearly revealed by, and

mars, his autobiography. In Downstart, Inglis goes back over the Irish experiences he had described in an earlier book (West Briton), this time extending them to include the "Anglo" elements of his life, his English education "later I tended to blame it for my failure to grow up"), his time in the RAF ("one of the most expensive pilots in the history of the war"), and subsequent career in the media. The tension between Irish and English attitudes winds the mainspring of the book, but this energy is dissipated in the flatness of the presentation, and we are left with a life story that is

more dutiful that illuminating.

Inglis, now 74, acknowledges

is debt to his mother, who had preserved just about everything that was written by or about him in his early years. The result is a smooth gleaming cylinder of an autobiography, perfectly re-searched and perfectly dull, youth and age illuminated with the same unfilattering strip-light, and described with equal detachment by the author. There are simply 100 many names qua names; the compendious index boasts a good 400 journalists, golfers, drinking companions, and blushing maidens. A very multitude of figures crowds the scene, many of them only walk-on parts or spear carriers. We never see their faces; they are all faint and identical. Inglis may criticize Stephen Ward as a "chronic" name-dropper, but if he upstart is guilty of dropping hames, this downstart may fairly be accused of floating them away. Along with some delightful insights into the bourgeois snobberies of the "Protestant ascendancy" in Ireland, occasional

Media man's memoir

Michael Wright

DOWNSTART



By Brian Inglis Chatto & Windus, £15.95

details and anecdotes add splashes of colour, but in general they are as hard to find as the raisins in a bowl of cheap muesti, and some may stick in the teeth. Other people's fluffed golf shots or the tries of veteran rugby internationals are not likely to be brought to life by any but the most quicksilver pros.

The critic of any autobiography must be sure that he is reviewing the book and not the life; in this case, as frequently, they are almost inseparable. Inghs is not well served by his easy manner and obvious affability; his nonchalant reliance on luck and the workings of Fate means that life has tended to live him, rather than vice versa. As a result, his book too often resembles a description of the movements of a single pawn in an some historian.

average game of chess. Only in the nick of time is the pawn finally queened. As Inglis himself observes, "enlightenment was slow in my case", and in the final chapter he admits that "the 1980s for me are too bound up with Margaret [van Hattem] to write about them"

Here, suddenly, the narrative comes alive. The single diapason organ-stop of the preceding chapters gives way to a delicate vox humana that reveals more through its inability to speak than all the piping of the earlier work. Inglis, one is made to feel, is never really bound up with life until this final, special relationship. He has drifted along sans ambition from the very earliest days, where his prep-school headmaster had observed that "Brian has been going along his rather comfortable way. with no signs of overwork, and his usual very pleasant demeanour," and elsewhere, "A little inclined to be charmingly ineffective, an in-clination which he must strenuously resist".

Paradoxically, it is only in his reticence to write about Margaret that a sense of emotional force and depth is finally revealed; a tiny rock pool after miles of sand. A sense of humanity after all the gung-ho Guinness swilling and golf tournaments of the previous chapters at last justifies this somewhat humdrum book. Deconstructive critics will enjoy the fact that the emotional centre of the work actually lies "outside" it, for the final chapter including Margaret is called "Postscript" and Inglis attributes it to his having found out a particular piece of information after I had

completed Downstart. Among an unforgivably large number of proofing errors, there is one, presumably unintentional, post-modern joke that squares nicely with the author's interest in the paranormal. The frontispiece has it that the book was published by Chatto & Windus in the year 1900. That, spookily, is 16 years before Inglis's birth. He really is

Telly comes to supermarket

There persists the feeling – just as there once did about how wonder- comes an insistence on us as active ful our police force was - that our television is the best in the world. Is the belief justified or is it an example of the overrating to which the British are susceptible? Broadcasting soon faces a sharp test with the arrival of a fifth and possibly sixth channel, and competition from satellite television. What price the Bandung File?

The Prime Minister has - no surprise, with her attitude towards enterprise - given the thumbs up to more television Channels. This comes with a reassurance that the medium will not be driven downmarket, because "the British public can be more discriminating than that". The traditional response to this is that the British public doesn't have the foggiest what it wants. Besides, goes the claim, what makes British broadcasting great is the notion of public service, and fundamental to its principles is that Chris Petit celebrated trin-

ity of information, entertain-**QUESTIONS OF** ment, and educ-BROADCASTING ation — so glori-By Stuart Hood and ously realized by Garrett O'Leary Jim'll Fix It. Methuen, £14.99 Though there is much — well,

some - that is good (and here the word quality invariably gets used), television is not, on the whole, a challenging medium, being too controlled and the participants too unctuous. There still exists, as part of the legacy of Auntie Beeb, an idea of television being something invited by us into the living-room that should mind its Ps and Qs. Exceptions tend to occur when the real world intrudes: Bob Geldof jolted us out of complacency by pictures of Ethiopian famine. But, for the most part, slumped in front of the box, one feels more like a

customer in a dozy village shop. In retail terms, broadcasting now stands on the threshold of the supermarket age. The prospect of extraterrestrial television makes those old Startrite kids - ITV and BBC - who have until now had the broad and happy highway of television to themselves - nervous of getting the shunt. Their bleat goes: increased competition will lead to loss of quality, because stuff for which there is only a particular demand, but which is felt to be for the general good television's equivalent of green vegetables — will be abandoned. Junk food will rule. But, insists the Government, its policy "places the viewer at the centre of broadcasting". Out goes the

consumers (though Mrs Thatcher will be the first to chastise us for consuming too many burgers, chips, and beans). A cynical retort would be that active consumption in this wonderland will mean about as much as offering us all a vote in the Eurovision Song Contest.

The first half of this book offers a diligent summary of the history

of broadcasting in terms of organization not product; a history of White Papers and committees. It traces the tacit relationship between broadcasting and government, and notes that broadcasters are more deferential than they were to the Government's muzzle. It shows how the Government has come to view broadcasting as an economic rather than a cultural force, as an adjunct to the electronics industry: "The medium was important because it could generate profits; the message it carried

was not the first or even major consideration." The authors offer this as further evidence to a general criticism that the Thatcher Government "has no cultural policy". British broadcasting is coming to the end

of its protracted age of innocence.

The sub-title of this book could well be "The Carve-up of Broadcasting". If Mrs Thatcher has her way, the BBC will have to pay its way, like everything else. The second half of the book offers speculation by those involved producers, unionists, advertisers, satelliters. Most are given to such sloppy expression - there are broadly speakings, franklys, melting-pots, pragmatics, brave new worlds, arguablys, even a post-White Paper situation - that one would hesitate to buy even a second-hand set from them. Predictions alternate between bonanza time and a new cultural barbarism. At worst, the 1990s will see the dismantling of an effective public service and the loss of anything that does not conform to mass marketing. Any claim that television has to being an investigative medium will be threatened. On the other hand, with the abolition of the duopoly and the establishing of satellite channels we are promised all the choice in the world. And if little is clear beyond general speculation, at least Mrs Thatcher's vision of

future broadcasting is: all choice

and no argument.

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Composer Luciano Berio, whose music is the subject of a four-day BBC festival, talks to Richard Morrison

TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

The first major drama series of the decade opened last night on BBC 2 with Geraldine McEwan already well on her way to a BAFTA Award, playing the obsessive evangelist mother in Jeanette Winterson's own adaptation of her Whitbread award-winning novel Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit.

McEwan, looking like Elmer Ganter in dress nava and of these try in drag, gave one of those mesmeric performances that actresses of a certain age seem only to produce for television when they reach that theatrical hiatus between Hedda Gabler and Lady

Winterson's novel is the quasi-autobiographical account of an eccentric childhood in 1960s Lancashire, and her television version did, admittedly, sound as though she had spent a little too long on an Alan Bennett seminar for writers of inconsequential dialogue. Lines such as "There was nothing between him and exhaustion but a flask of Typhoo", or "You don't need an airing cupboard like next door's when you've got Jesus", put as firmly in a world where children terrify other children with the news that there may be no toilets in Hell. But by the end of the first episode there were also hints of the adult lesbian relationship to come, while the director, Beeban Kidron, had assembled an entire gallery of women, each and every one of whom looked as though she could kill with a blow of her nose.

(under the ex-ITN arts correspondent Stephen Phillips) Signals is shaping up into the South Bank Show's only true rival, they finally got around to screening "Only Joking", a twice-postponed survey of the comedy of hatred. Even for those of we who have allowed. those of us who have always assumed that the Alternative in Alternative Comedy means an alternative to being funny, this came as something of a revelation.

In America, it appears, entire 24-hour cable channels are now to be devoted to racist mor though at a time when Life of Brian is still considered too blasphemous, even by Channel 4, it seems unlikely that the danger will spread across the Atlantic.

The only real shock was a comic alled The Diceman, whose act seems to have all the subtle charm of a Nuremberg rally; but the programme ended in one of those ritual discussions we used to have 20 years ago on Late Night Line Up, about where to draw the comic line. This connected to me that a line. This suggested to me that a lot of material may have been censored at the last minute. This is still England, dammit.

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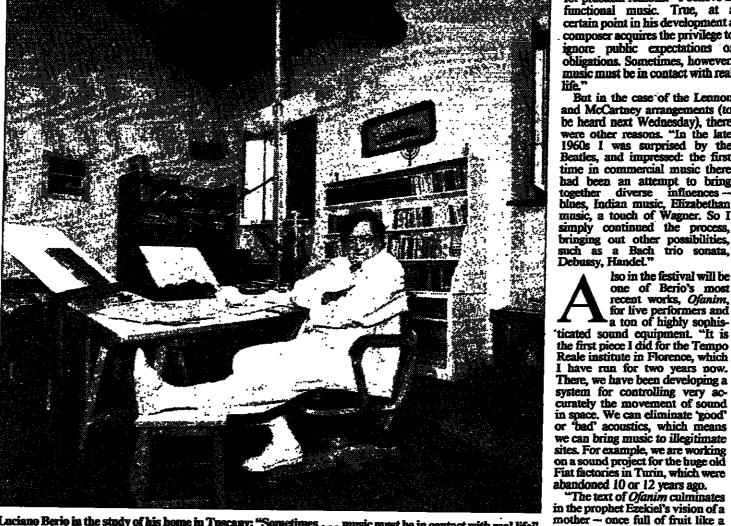
Future created from the past f the British have a favourite musical avant-gardist, it is Luciano Berio. His were some of the earliest tape experiments ever heard here. "Electronics At The Proms No

Substitute For Live Music" thundered a Times headline 30 years ago, about his Perspectives. He has visited London regularly ever since, right up to what Berio calls "the wonderful experience at Covent Garden last year": the staging of his opera Un re in ascolto. "I am very close to this city; I hope it is a mutual love," says the 64-year-old Italian

Given that it is, why? Is it because the British appreciate his irony, his frequently self-deprecat-ing humour, which allowed him to utilize the most po-faced methods of advanced serial composition, and then apparently mock the whole process? Is it his Beckettlike ability — in a work such as the classic Martin Luther King memorial, Sinfonia — to evoke both tragedy and comedy at the same time? Is it his brilliant eclecticism, gathering into a single work a multitude of "memories" - fragmented verbal or musical allusions? Or is it the rich literary depth which his creative relation-ships with Umberto Eco, Italo Calvino and Edoardo Sanguineti have infused into his work? Or do we warm to Berio in the

same way as we relish Le Carré thrillers: because he is a master of ambiguity, of offering different layers of meaning? "My work does have many surface facets," says Berio, "even if inside it is con-nected by a consistent thread. It is important for an audience to be able to connect that surface with the thought beneath, then they can travel back and forth."

Next week, at the BBC's Berio Festival, audiences will be pondering anew the surfaces and the underlying thoughts. The four concerts programme some of Berio's earliest and most famous pieces. They include, for instance, Passaggio, which scandalized the audience at La Scala, Milan, in 1962 - especially because Berio pre-empted their fury by placing a chorus in the auditorium to mimic the smug conformity of an operahouse audience. That work is a useful beginner's guide to Berio's complex relationship with music's institutions and history. "I never



Luciano Berio in the study of his home in Tuscany: "Sometimes . . . music must be in contact with real life"

actually agreed completely with Pierre [Boulez] when he declared that you should put a bomb in every opera house. The opera house is a necessary museum.

Why create new things for a museum? "I'm conscious of the history of the place when I write. When Passaggio was first per-formed it was a terrible experience - people threw things from the balconies. But that work had to be performed within the framework of the opera house, because it comments on the opera house and its audience." Since then Berio has become still more inward-looking; his last opera was about the process of listening to the creation of an opera about the

Must a composer be so concerned with reacting to the history of his art? "Maybe sometimes one can be in favour of amnesia. But the beauty of our century's music is that the composer's vision is supported by a knowledge of what has passed." Some believe this hypothesis could be applied to a great deal of 20th-century culture, from T.S. Eliot to current "sampling" techniques in rap music. Berio was a leader of the

Darmstadt" generation - along with Stockhausen, Boulez and Pousseur, he advanced serial music into the electronic field in the 1950s. Yet even then, he was never as methodical an iconoclast as Boulez. Did he reject more severe, uncompromising meth-

ods? "Not severity so much as sterility. To crystallize harmony or rhythm into a kind of code can be' interesting, but a dead end. For me, the heritage of what is usually called the serial experience was the acute sense of analysis it developed. It gave me the conceptual tools to explore the world around me. For instance, I could not have written Coro [the massive 1975 choral and orchestral work, to be heard next Wednesday], which deals with techniques and materials coming from Yugoslavia, Cen-tral Africa, Sicily - real people in

analytical approach." The festival will include some of Berio's transcriptions of other composers' music, usually done

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for practical reasons. "I believe in

functional music. True, at a

certain point in his development a

composer acquires the privilege to

ignore public expectations or obligations. Sometimes, however, music must be in contact with real

But in the case of the Lennon

and McCartney arrangements (to be heard next Wednesday), there

1960s I was surprised by the

Beatles, and impressed: the first time in commercial music there

had been an attempt to bring together diverse influences— blues, Indian music, Elizabethan music, a touch of Wagner. So I

simply continued the process, bringing out other possibilities, such as a Bach trio sonata,

ticated sound equipment. "It is the first piece I did for the Tempo

Reale institute in Florence, which

system for controlling very ac-curately the movement of sound

in space. We can eliminate 'good'

or 'bad' acoustics, which means

we can bring music to illegitimate

tree, now dying in the desert.

Scholars would say that this was a

metaphor for Israel, when the

Hebrew people were persecuted.

Now the same metaphor can be

music from the primitive 1950s to

its present complexity. Is he satisfied by its progress? "Technically, yes. Musically, it's more

difficult to be positive. The young

have become driven by the ma-

chine, by the synthesizers, instead

of the other way round. It's

important to progress technologi-

cally, of course. But what for? Not

to be completely subservient to

• The BBC Berio Festival is at the

Barbican from next Sunday to Wednesday; all the concerts will be broadcast live on Radio 3.

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one of Berio's most recent works, *Ofanim*, for live performers and

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Debussy, Handel."

Simply Red Wembley Arena

As a support band at Rounie Scott's jazz club, Simply Red would be fine. How is it, then that the group has just filled the Wembley Arena for three consecutions. utive nights? How did the latest album, A New Flame, come to be Britain's top selling LP of 1989? These questions may eacourage glib and cynical answers, but there were few easy solutions on offer at Wembley on Tuesday.

The record that immediately preceded Simply Red's appearance on stage was a slow and menacing reggae dirge. The group followed suit with a perilonsly downbeat opener. Powered by a

downbeat opener. Powered by a bass drum like the crack of doom, it plodded along to little effect and gave Mick Hucknall's much feted voice no chance to shine. The repeae vein continued until "Jericho" from the Picture Book alburn, and it was here that the true secret of the group's success was partially revealed.

Hucknall may be praised as a great soul singer but his voice is rather limited and relies on mand nerisms, including a slightly un-pleasant wheedling edge, to convey an impression of emotion.
Set against the lush, wine bar
settings of "Jericho", with its
tasteful muted trumpet interjections, its cool chords and its jazz solos, he can sound like the real thing, but this is merely another example of our faith in fakes.

The group's big song, perhaps its only true achievement in the songwriting department, is "Holding Back The Years". Hucknai approached it solo, playing an acoustic guitar. Stripped bare, it sounded contrived, but still succeeded in sticking in the mind like a piece of unwanted chewing gam and inevitably drew a huge response from the fans.

Hucknall is sufficiently shrewd to be aware of the group's status as dinner-party soul. He may publicly regret the fact that its audience is large enough and broad enough to contain support-ers of the Conservative party but he bites the bullet like a seasoned entertainer. "Number 10 on your CD", he shouted, introducing "Enough". The irony was intended, and duly noted.

Nice play, but what a shame about the lines

Jeremy Kingston

The Lion and the Jewel Bridge Lane

Pleasure at being able to see again Wole Soyinka's first play, a sunny fable about courtship problems in the Nigerian bush, is clouded by the difficulty of making out what

the actors are saying.

The company is called the African Players and its members are drawn from this country and from West Africa, where the

rhythms of speech follow a diffour leading players are alone with each other, your reviewer (drawn from this country) was unable to understand.

Sovinka tells a neatly updated story of the wily old man who pretends to be impotent in order to win a pretty maid. He is the chief of a Nigerian village who keeps adroitly to the customs of the past and wishes to add young Sidi, the local belle, to his harem. Her photograph has been published in the latest issue of Drum and her head is turned by the discovery that her teeth are described as flashing happiness and her skin is like velvet.

She now thinks herself far too grand to marry the local schoolteacher, particularly since his halfdigested modern principles will not permit him to pay the bride price. Even the Chief is now below her ambitions, which is why he spreads rumours about his impotence to outwit her resistance to an invitation to his home.

The play lightly touches on the conflict between different ways of life, old tribalism at odds with the perceived benefits of civilization which to Lakunle, the nattily waist-coated teacher, are seen in terms of knives and forks and breakable plates. "Where is our school of ballroom dancing?" he demands. "Who here can throw a cocktail party?

Lines like these have a merrily unexpected ring and I wish we could have made out more of them. Kayode Adesimi, playing Lakunle with vigorous elbow movements like a puppeteer's, lets us hear most of his lines; there is also a splendidly ripe performance by the amply-fleshed Jeillo Edwards as the Chief's senior wife. Her hair is like black smoke and she is blessed with amazing lips. But the Chief and Sidi, though both look terrific, are a burden on

Benedict Nightingale

Scenes from

an Execution Almeida

For once, it was a first night to relish. It marked the start of lan McDiarmid and Jonathan Kent's artistic reign at that appealing little theatre, the Almeida. Then it presented us with Glenda Jackson at her most awesomely assertive, sand-blasting the ears with that excoriating the ears with that excoriating voice. And the play was as authentically interesting as anything its maddeningly un-predictable author has penned in his 20-year career.

Was this the same Howard Barker whose Seven Lears I was accusing last week of being more facetions and banal than imaginative and stimulating? Yes, it was, successfully reversing that balance by writing with pench and sensitivity about a subject rather obviously close to his own heart: that of the impotence of the artist who yearns to tell tough truths and shape minds. Even his dialogue, if times a bit flamboyant, was

less florid than usual. The initial signs were not good. The place was Venice; but the names in the programme — Supporta, Dementia, and, for a sinister cardinal. Ostensible — suggested that Barker was in one of his big, universalizing moods. The time was roughly 1572, but the business were not exactly High Renaissauce, indicating we were to expect universality to turn topical from time to time.

The set, on whose shiny black tiles inscrutable shapes were scratched, evoked the inside of a vast, trendy bathroom and perhaps betrayed the difficulty of finding a vivid yet adaptable design for what was originally a radio play. Barker's fable threatened to be exasperatingly right-minded. His protagonist, the painter Galactia,





Awesomely assertive: Glenda Jackson as a painter, Galactia, in Scenes from an Execution at the Almeida

has been commissioned to con-brate the Christian triumph over Islam at Lepante, a battle that attracted the talents of Titian, Tintoretto and Veronese. Since she is a realist, a woman and a rebel, her approach is very different from theirs. On her 1001 and "sliced ment". The freak with the arrow embedded in his head, who met Galactis in scene one, becomes an exemplary illustration of creaky and cofficient of cruelty and suffering.

In other words, war is ugly, a

defiantly honest artist says so and the authorities are unsurprisingly upset. The chanvinists, sexists and moralists turn on Galactia, cor-rectly if irrelevantly remembering that her private life is no more

spectable than her public art. Jonathau Hyde's pained Doge - a nice performance, outwardly suave, inwardly nervy - consigns her to prison.

Even the ending is not altogether unpredictable, given the author's radicalism. It shows Galactia brought back over the Bridge of Sighs to become the victim of what used to be called repressive tolerance: an ad for Venice's sophistication, a celebrity and the Doge's dinner-guest. Yet Barker sweeps such objections aside, not only by the momentum of his narrative but by the contradictions he injects into it. It is not just that the mousters Galactia paints are personally more complex, or that the war's

aims were not straightforwardly squalid, or that, by embarrassing a liberal Doge, she may open the political doors to harder, more philistine men. She herself has the myopia, narcissism and arroguece of genins: an accessation given credibility at times by the batt-

ering ram acting of Jackson.

With Jonathan Hyde, Kevis McNally and others in good form.
Ian McDiarmid's production is sound enough at the edges; but at the centre it is sound and fury, all rasp, smarl and strange ironic crowings. Jackson is exerbitant but meant to be so. Pieneers and seers are often literally insufferable people. That is their loss, by Howard Barker's rueful view, it is

Of mice and men and the oddities of beginners' pluck

While I am not as convinced as cally for the instrument, and some that the Park Lane Group's "Young Artists and 20th Century Music" series is the most vital event of our musical calendar (the Almeida Festival has to be a more serious contender for that accolade). it is still invaluably instructive. Here we can witness the brilliance of artists at the beginning of their careers and how their tastes are forming.

In that respect it was rather worrying that Tuesday night's solo pianist, Andrew West, chose for his statutory new work Philip Martin's Masquerade II. You would see nothing wrong with it if you were content with music that is merely whimsically decorative.

Martin is a formidable pianist, knows well how to write idiomaticomposes in an attractive, freeranging language. However, we no longer live in the age of Schu-mann, and it is folly for a composer to try to rekindle that spirit, which seems to be Martin's aim in these five short character

The remainder of West's programme consisted of rather more revolutionary material, and he relished both Schoenberg's pathfinding, instinctively formed Drei Klavierstücke, Op 11, of 1908, and Charies Ives's anarchic, exuberant Three-Page Sonata, of 1905, to the

He is a physically strong as-sertive player, which proved his undoing in Tippett's Second Sonata (we are to hear all four

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sonatas this week); despite its fragmented nature and its gritty surface this is a piece that benefits from carefully moderated speeds and colours, and from silences which imply softness rather than

The later recital offered the abundant talents of two musicians still studying at the Royal Academy of Music. Oboist Mark

Radcliffe began his quota with a ded like a collection of frantically slightly nervous reading of Britten's Temporal Variations of 1936, a difficult, not particularly inspired cycle, though the performance was improved by some excellent, positive work at the piano from Carol Yu.

Radcliffe seemed far happier with the higher tessitura and the challenging multiphonics of Edwin Roxburgh's eloquent Antares, with the richly scored but rather earthbound cycle of alternating fast and slow movements of Anthony Powers's brand new In Shadow (both accompanied by Yu), and with Yuji Takahashi's Operation Euler (1967), in which he was required to play in counter-

point with taped oboe sounds.

Often, Takahashi's piece soun-

squeaking mice, but at least the composer, and this refreshing player, showed the right explorative approach.

Sharing this concert with Radcliffe was a cellist Philip Sheppard, who gave the most polished performances of the eve-ning. Again he chose Britten (Suite No 1), turning what can seem a rather door sequence of movements into something compelling. thanks both to his rhythmic discipline and some gloriously full-toned playing.

His new work was August? Read Thomas's Two Klee Pictures. colourful but deeply felt music and a worthy companion to Dallapiccola's equally expressive Ciaccona, Intermezzo e Adagia

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THE ARTS/FILM

Geoff Brown reviews Parenthood, a distorted cameo of family life, while David Robinson looks at the agony of Vietnam memories in In Country

Playing happy families



Togetherness: Steve Martin and Mary Steenburgen share a quiet moment during the struggle of parenting

to which Hooch was the sole witness. The two begin as growling antagonists; by the end, of course, they are devout chums. Hanks is such a nimble comedian that it harts to see his talents yoked to this routine script. The dog, played by Beasley, is no slouch, either: together they milk everything

possible from the scenes of tossie and

maybem. Against this pair, the romantic

a limp lettuce, while the final rush of

melodrama seems a grotesque intrusion.

To get the best from American Stories - an omnibus edition of Jewish jokes and personal reminiscences — you do not have to be Jewish. Modern history teaches all of us about the ironies and rigours of the immigrant experience, and the virtue of laughter in the dark. But you do need to believe, with director Chantal Akerman, that "it is always beautiful to watch someone interest (the new local vet) has the impact of talking intensely and unaffectedly. A face, a

voice, a body and a story For that is the sum of American Stories: a

ext time around, someone should point a gun at Ron Howard and force him to direct something small. So far, it has not happened - unless one remembers his modest début fea-ture Grand Theft Auto, a car-crash bonanza from the genre's heyday in the mid-Seventies. Parenthood follows in the ge-

nial, but over-ambitious footsteps of Splash and Cocoon: a sprawling comic saga, forever on the brink of saying something meaningful about family life, forever collapsing into detachable comic sketches. As many of the sketches feature Steve Martin - heading a remarkably strong cast as an overanxious parent straining for perfection and surrounded by domestic strife - the film is easy to enjoy. But a stronger controlling hand (with less of a sweet tooth) would have stopped the script dribbling and given it far more punch.

Parenthood throws us into the vortex of one of those large wellupholstered American families, forever gathering for parties and dinners; spiritually, if not geographically, we are close to recent Woody Allen country (this is St Louis, rather than New York

> patchwork of Jewish memories down the decades, relayed by New York Jewish actors filmed at night in high-gloss bues under the shadow of the Williamsburg Bridge. Painful soliloquies of heartbreak and misfortune rub shoulders with cross-talk routines that could have strayed from the vandeville stage. Among current releases, it would be hard to match Akerman's modest film for thoughtful simplicity and emotional appeal.

Although the controversy still simmers as

to whether Ridley has underplayed the violence or glamourized it, Ridley himself is immersed in a new world. The Reflecting

Skin is set in a completely different cinematic landscape. Ridley has left the

crime-ridden streets of the concrete jungle

for the endless horizons of Canada, reveal-

ing an allegience to the film-terrain of

Terrence Malick, one of the very few

Set in Fifties mid-west North America,

and backed by the BBC, British Screen and

Zenith, The Reflecting Skin is an unusual,

intimidating film. A rite of passage, charting

the painful loss of innocence of its eight-

year-old hero, it was described by one crew

member as "Stand By Me meets Blue Velvet". Ridley likes the description.

"It was a difficult film to pull off, because the dialogue is very stylized, and it could

quite easily lapse into some cheapo American Gothic. But it is a very sad film, and a

devastating indictment of what can happen

to a child." For his first full-length feature.

American directors Ridley admires.

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moment. Mary Steenburgen radi-

ates quietly as Martin's hard-

pressed wife; and Martin's

routines (some birthday party fooling a victory dance after their

son makes a crucial baseball catch)

stained smile, but an exasperated

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Geoff Brown



Revelations: Emily Lloyd, an excited adventurer, with Bruce Willis Tollywood is currently deeply concerned with the trauma and legacy of the Vietnam war. Norman Jewison's In Country (15, Warner West End), adapted from a novel by the

But once the comic temperature Kentucky writer Bobby Ann Mason, sees it from the viewpoint of Samantha (Emily Lloyd), a girl whose father was killed in action drops and Howard dons his thinking cap, the film's vision of family life becomes bland and before she was born. When Robards caves in to Hulce's entreaties, funding his flight to South America while Leaving school at the age her

father was when he died, she is suddenly driven to discover more offering to bring up the pest's son, about this man she never knew. the proper reaction is not a tear-

The people around her are reluctant to dredge their memories. Her mother has moved on to a new life. The war-veteran uncle with whom she lives (Bruce Willis) has retreated into cynical, reclusive eccentricity. His contemporaries have found their own ways to evade the resentment and guilt.

Samantha's persistence forces a few of them to face - and sometimes exorcize — the past.

The script by Frank Pierson and Cynthia Cidre attempts to deal with more characters and more aspects of the Vietnam trauma than it can really come to grips with. The fragmented narrative, shaped by the novel, runs the constant risk of what was pinpointed years ago by Milos Forman: "Without a story, even with the most incredible artistry. you will be boring. Without a story there is no movie.'

True, there is artistry. The final sequence, where Samantha takes her uncle and rustic grandparents to the Washington war memorial, is surprisingly touching, a skilful mixture of tact, sentiment and the

The film, moreover, has Emily Lloyd, whose sparky vitality dominates the action. She has a quality of coming alive on screen, and of convincing us that she is impelled by real thoughts and feelings.

Even given the number of accomplished young actresses available in Hollywood it is easy to see why Jewison would cast this remarkable young English personality in a role which demands such varied reaction to the mysteries of adults and their history.

The star of Percy Adlon's Rosalie Goes Shopping (Screen on the Hill, Chelsea Cinema, Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue) is Marianne Sagebrecht - the stout, solemn young lady who was seen in Sugar Baby and invading the American West in Bagdad Cafe. Now she is seen established in the little town of Stuttgart, Arkansas, as the "peace-time war-bride" of a cropsprayer pilot (Brad Davis). She

conscientiously provides for their family by dextrously juggling credit cards and signing cheques which bounce merrily through the county.

Just when the finance houses seem about to catch up with her, she fortuitously discovers the computer. Sincere application quickly makes her a champion hacker and con-woman supreme, with the banks terrorized and eating out of her hands. Her sins reach a scale that demands daily absolution - which only moves her confessor (Judge Reinhold) to

read the finance columns. Appealing though it is to see a victim of the system turn the tables, the nefarious Rosalie is inevitably less sympathetic than the innocent, warm-hearted heroines of the earlier films. She is redeemed by her touching loyalty to her sweetly dumb husband and

Adlon's consumer-society targets are generally obvious, but his fun is light and original; in an irresistible sequence Rosalie's family circle sits around the TV set singing along with the commercial jingles like a revivalist meeting.

Ladder of Swords (15, Cannon

Tottenham Court Road) is a small, bright original film from British Screen and Channel 4. Directed and co-scripted by a firsttime feature director. Norman Hull, it takes a film noir melodrama and replants it in the unaccustomed soil of the Northumbrian moors.

Don Demarco (Martin Shaw) is circus performer pursued by a guilty past, a drunken, blackmailing wife, and an obsessive policeman who is determined to nail him. He lives in his trailer, parked behind a public phone box in the hope that one day the call will come that will take him to the big time in Continental circus. His troubles escalate after his wife poisons his dancing bear and walks out with his money.

The complications of this tall story are pursued with ingenuity and a tongue-in-cheek humour which breaks out into full comedy in the progressive discomfortures of the excellent Bob Peck as the Geordie Dirty Harry. Hull has matched his cast well: Martin Shaw as the going-to-seed hero, Eleanor David and Juliet Stevenson as his bad and good angels, and a débutant actor, Pearce Quigley, whose dopily earnest PC indicates a real comedy talent. Thaddeus O'Sullivan's photography shows what exotic locations our cinema has neglected.

David Robinson

this halk (one of the French breed De Bordeaux) is a consummate drooler and wrecker of furniture, with a fine collection of dangling jowls. By a twist of the thunder-ously unoriginal plot — concocted by five writers - he is matched with Turner (Tom Hanks), an obsessively fussy small-town police investigator, bent on solving a murder

hile Parenthood celebrates the joys and strife of raising children, Turner & Hooch beats the drum for

dogs. Not that Hooch is a choice specimen:

magine you had recently seen your one-man show of paintings taken down in

L Turin, with several of the pieces already

en route for New York. Your novella

most talked about screenplays of the year

(The Krays), and were already half way

through post-production on your first feature length film (The Reflecting Skin),

You had, of course, already made two

short films for Channel 4 and British

Screen, one of which was then released with

The Tall Guy and screened at the Berlin

Film Festival with Mississippi Burning. Oh,

and by the way, there is a collection of your

short stories (Flamingoes in Orbit) coming

tired, a little frayed at the creative edges? I

am not asking for humility, just chronic

Would you have the tact to look a little

As Philip Ridley strides towards me,

erinning from beneath his black beret, there

are no signs of fatigue. No falling eyelids or

sturred speech. In an hour of occasionally

interrupted monologue against a hissing

backdrop of Gaggias in one of those strip-lit

coffee bars on Leicester Square, Ridley

ing. I cannot help but like Mr Ridley. Why?

Because he is so good at what he does, and

what he does is so odd. He is a man gifted

But, his tactless liveliness notwithstand-

looks almost chirpy.

out in the spring from Hamish Hamilton.

shot on location in Canada.

East End to West End

Bethnal Green boy Philip Ridley bounds from strength to strength. Oscar Moore reports

imagination filled with birds, insects and reptiles; with Ridley's own, very particular, set of demons. It is an imagination fermented in the insiders-only world of Bethnal Green, the heart of London's East End: a world of brick streets and thin walls, where everybody knows a little too much about everyone else. A world where Philip Ridley grew up and where he still lives, complaining about the noise of Marillion through his thin walls.

Who better then, than this painter-writer-director, wrapped up in an East End more sinister and intriguing than anything imag-ined in Albert Square, to script *The Krays?* Well, at the time Philip Ridley could think of quite a few better people.

"When Dominic Anciano and Jim Beach approached me first of all, I said no, because thought they would want some kind of ency meets The Professionals' with that sort of violence throughout. I had no interest in writing that sort of film, but I gave them In The Eves of Mr Fury to read, and I said to them, 'if you're interested in this kind of style then I'm interested in doing the film.' "They were. He did.

In fact, Ridley had always been keen to write the screenplay, as long as he could write it his way. After all, in East End demonology, who is more potent than Reggie and Ronnie? Like many kids born in the Sixties, Ridley grew up hearing whis-pered stories through half-opened bedroom



"A story like The Krays comes along very rarely," Ridley admits. "They have got the elements of archetypal myth. Especially the fact that they are twins. But I knew that the idea of crooks being chased by the police wasn't going to work. So the decision I took was that we would not have one policeman in the film. Instead, what the twins (Gary and Martin Kemp) are getting up to is seen in a very oblique way, through the eyes of their mother, Violet (Billy Wilder). The first

Ridley: gifted with verbal and visual skills

Ridley is not making his life easier: filming in a foreign country with a foreign crew and an eight-year-old boy in every scene. But Ridley seems to have survived with more anecdotes than tranmas. "There was one magical moment, when I was doing this tracking shot of the boy running through wheat. I was setting the shot up with my cameraman Dick Pope. Dick looked through the lens and said, 'Oh yes. In 20 years' time people will look at a shot like this and say, "very Reflecting Skin". And I

said, 'Yes. But will they mean it as a compliment?" " there's a contrived happy ending, Question of right and wrong but that's OK. On a philosophical

level I can justify that - to show the struggle can be won." Weinstein says: "It's a thriller in the spirit of the book. The thriller aspect has to kick in because wecan't just preach at people. And the ending is not Hollywood, that's how Euzhan and I saw it. The povel is 10 years old. We didn't want to say become active and die'. We wanted to show the possibility of change. We also wanted to show this was fun-

damentally a black struggle." Weinstein is, she says, "extremely proud of the movie. Euzhan did it wonderfully. It was her project. She was absolutely committed to it. She was offered a lot of material after Sugar Cane Alley but she never wavered. She was positively convinced this was the film she wanted to make. "Through all the ups and downs

of getting the picture made it was clear we were doing it for reasons far beyond 'just another movie'." However, Marlon Brando fears that is just what they have done. A Dry White Season opens in Britain



roductions don't come more prestigious than A Dry White Season. The £6 million film drama is based on a book by distinguished South African writer André Brink. It is directed by Euzhan Palcy, award-winning director of La Rue Cases Nègres.

And it marks the return to the screen of Marion Brando after an eight-year lay-off. Among strong performances from an all-star cast - including Donald Sutherland, Janet Suzman, Susan Sarandon and South African actor Zakes Mokae - it is Brando's telling cameo as a liberal lawyer which stands out.

However, Brando is reportedly incensed that his part is only a cameo. He went on television in the United States for the first time in 16 years to complain that, by leaving most of his part on the cutting room floor, MGM had spoiled the film. "I've had scenes cut before," said Brando, who took a fraction of his usual fee to appear in the film, "but it isn't about that. It's about what the cuts have done to the film."

Producer Paula Weinstein responds: "I'm sorry Marlon Brando has had this disagreement with MGM. He was the first person we cast and he made the most extraordinary contribution to the film. I know he's proud of it. In a lifetime you rarely get the chance to work with someone as extraordinary as Brando. It's also rare that you get a movie which sticks to its objectives so consistently."

The novel, first published in Afrikaans in 1979, is about a white teacher, Ben du Toit. He becomes aware of the realities of apartheid through the treatment meted out to his black gardener and his family at the time of the Soweto uprising

Brink sold the film rights carly in the Eighties. When in 1986 David Puttnam wanted to make the film for Warners he found the rights situation more complicated. 'I had to broker a deal," Puttnam says. "But Euzhan was always part of the mish-mash. I worked with

or the mish-ma her for a year." Puttnam commissioned Colin Welland to write the script. When Puttnam left to head Columbia Pictures, Warners appointed

with both verbal and visual skills, and and last words in the film are hers, and they doors: stories of men buried in concrete afflicted with a very strange imagination. flyovers: stories of kindness to old ladies. Not that he sees it as an affliction. It is an

Peter Guttridge looks at the interpretation of A Dry White Season

Paula Weinstein as producer and she paid off Welland. "Colin's script was extremely well written but it wasn't the story I wanted to tell," says Weinstein. "I had long admired the novel but thought the movie had to show the struggle and pain of the blacks. I also thought it should reveal Ben as an active rather than a passive man. When we met in 1986, Euzhan

"The book is all about Ben, the education of a white man in South Africa," says Palcy. "I didn't want to make that film. It is more compelling to have it as a film about two families, one black and one white. And the victimization they suffer because of the minority-rule system."

Welland is still credited as cowriter of the screenplay. "I'd written a couple of versions of the script when I was paid off," he

-VIDEO BOX

Geoff Brown

A selection of films recently released on video. The date refers to the year of first release, or in the

case of television films, of first

BEYOND THE VALLEY OF THE

DOLLS (CBS/Fox, 18): Delicious

camp extravanganza from the king of skinflicks, Russ Meyer, made in 1970 during his brief flirtation with mainstream Hollywood. The plot —

resemblance to the 1967 Valley of

Lugubnous re-hash of Vietnam war

veteran hiding with his memories in the hills of Washington State, and

three girls' adventures in show

the Dolls, but that's where the

DISTANT THUNDER (CIC, 18):

Angst, with John Lithgow as the

Raiph Macchio as the son

FEDS (Warner, 15): Police Academy in skirts, with Rebecca DeMorney and Mary Gross as FBI

determined to bring him home. Director: Rick Rosenthal.

trainees running the gauntiet of

business - bears a stight

comparison ends.

broadcast.

says. "Palcy rewrote the script but the Writers' Guild decided I got first credit. Palcy altered a lot of the dialogue and put other elements in. There is a revenue shooting of a South African policeman that is a bit Hollywood."

Weinstein comments: "Euzhan had a story in her head and I told her to write it. We had already discussed structuring it as a thriller." The consequence of this struc-

ture and of concentrating on the two families is that many actors' parts were substantially reduced. Susan Sarandon's part as a liberal journalist all but vanished. Janet Suzman, as Ben's wife, also had little screen time left.

"But I can see that the relationship between husband and wife was irrelevant because the thrust of the film is Ben with the black people," Suzman says. "And

their male colleagues. Flat low-

JAWS 3 (CIC, 15): Jaws 3-D originally, with lots of underwater

photography and the usual quota of chewed humans. Modest fare;

JAWS 4 (CIC, 15): A stronger plot

than its predecessor (the widow of

with Dennis Quaid and Bess

the sheriff in the original film believes her family is the subject of a shark vendetta), though its

potential is frittered away. With

SEAGULL (CIC, U): Richard Bach's

pretentious fable about a seaguil's

search for perfection provides a feast of wildlife photography (the

camera). The philosophizing and

however, strictly a matter of taste.

Dialogue-less ocklity with an ecological message, featuring Peter Elliott encased in one of Rick

Baker's make-up specials as the

world's last apeman, doomed to extinction by the violent upstart,

JONATHAN LIVINGSTON

only humans are behind the

Neil Diamond's music are,

MISSING LINK (CIC, PG):

1973.

Lorraine Gray, 1987.

brow comedy, 1988.

Armstrong, 1983.

there's enough left to show he had a good marriage. I think the film is a workmanlike thriller, a roman policier, I suppose. But the content is creater than the form."

Author André Brink is delighted with the results. "I was deeply impressed when I saw the film, he says. "I was prepared for some major changes but by and large they are justified. I wish I had done one or two myself. "On the whole I approve of the

fact they have made it a thriller. Here and there a touch of understatement could have worked for example in the torture scenes. But I understand from people who have experienced these things that those scenes are true to life.

"After Cry Freedom and A World Apart there couldn't be another film seen only from a white point of view. There is an element of Hollywoodizing And

man. Flimsy as a narrative, but handsomely shot in Namibia. 1988.

Michael Same as a crude charade; with Raquel Welch as the film critic transformed by a sex-change operation. Worth a glance for the indomitable Mae West, nearing 80.

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET 4 - THE DREAM MASTER (CBS/FOX, 18): "Did you ever look at our town's history? It's not exactly a safe place to be a teenager!" cries a youngster Grisly mayhem with lavish effects but it contains little imagination.

RED SCORPION (Vestron, 15): Absurd action fantasy, wisely released straight to video, with biceps-strewn hulk Dolph Lundgren (Stallone's Russian opponent in Rocky IV) as a Soviet special agent who swaps sides during a mission to kill a rebel Atrican leader. A comic strip on

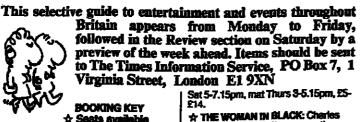
MYRA BRECKINRIDGE (CBS/Fox, 18k Gore Vidal's satirical novel about Hollywood power-

mongering, filmed by ex-pop singer

destined to be mincemeat in the hands of Freddy Krueger, child murderer and cult movie hero.



INFORMATION SERVICE



AT THE WOMAN IN BLACK: Charles Kay and Dominic Letts are now the central cast in this superior spinechiller, equipped with haunted Island, dense fog and mysterious deaths. Fortune Theatre, Russell St. WC2 (01-836 2288). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Set 8-10pm, mats Tues 3-5pm and Set

4-6pm, 27-215.

LONG RUNNERS: & Cata: New London Theatre (01-405 0072) ... & Les Liesons Dangereusea: Ambassador Theetre (01-836 6111) ... & Me and My Girt: Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) ... & Les Misérables: Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) ... & The Mousetrap: St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) ... & The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) ... & Run For Your Wife: Whitehall Theatre (01-867 1119) ... & Starfight Express: Apolio Victoria (01-828 8685).

OUT OF TOWN

BIDEFORD: & The Snow Queen:

Orchard Theatre's touring Christmas show, recruiting local children to play

goblins. College Theatre (0271 73356), today 10.30am, and 1.10pm, £3.50.

FILMS

B BACK TO THE FUTURE II (PG): Over-ingenious sequel to the 1985 hit, with Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd

(108 min). Camon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2-10, 5-25, 8-10. Late Fri, Sat 11.00. (Closed Sun). Camon Fullium Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2-00, 6-00. 9-15. (Closed Sun). Empire (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6-15, 8.45. Late Fri, Set 11.15. (Closed Sun).

Whiteley's (01-792 3303). Progs 11.00, 1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.40.

THE COOK, THE THEF, HIS WIFE & HER LOVER (18): Peter Greenaway's tale of love, revenge and haute cuisine. With Richard Bohringer (120 min). Screen on Beiter Street (01-935 2772). Progs 3.10, 6.00, 8.35.
Cannon Piccadility (01-437 3561). Progs 3.00, 6.00, 6.00.

Cannon Piecadiliy (01-437 3561). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.00. Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.40.

DEAD POETS SOCIETY (PG): Robin

Williams as an English teacher who instits his pupils with a dangerous love of poetry (128 min). Nothing Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Prog. 8.30pm (Closed Sur). Odeon Kensington (01-602 5193). Progs 11.45, 2.35, 5.30 (not Sun), 8.30 (not Sun). Late Fri, Set 11.15. Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 2.55, 5.50, 8.30. Lete Set 11.15. (Closed Sun). Whitey's Bayswater (01-792 3303). Progs 8.45.

THE DELINQUENTS (12): A routine story of defiant teenagers in the Fifties with Kylie Minogue. (90 min).
Camon Futhers Road (01-370 2636).
Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.15.

Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30.

THE DREAM TEAM (13): Madcap

adventures of four mental hospital patients let loose on Manhattan (113 min).

on Oxford Street (01-636 0310).

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* 'ALLO 'ALLO: Last chance to see the

Palladium Theatre, Argyle St, London W1 (01-437 7373), Tube: Oxford Circus. Mon to Fri 8pm. St t 8.30pm, Mats Wed 2.45pm and Sat 5.30pm, £3.75-£16.50.

★ BENT: Ian McKellen, Michael
Cushman in revival of Martin Sherman's
powerful drama of the Nazi persecution
of homography.

National Theatre (Lythalton), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. In preview, 7-30pm. Opens Jan 19, 7pm. then in rep. Previews and Sat mats 25-E12-50; eves from Jan 19 £7-£15.50. All weekday mats £6.

★ THE CHERRY ORCHARD: Judi Dench heads an outstanding cast in major production by Sam Mendes. Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych WC2 (01-836 6404). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7:30-10pm, Sat 8-10.30pm, mat Sat 4-6.30pm, £5.50-£16.50.

☆ THE HUMAN VOICE: Susannah York in Cocteau's calebrated monologue for woman and telephone. Hampatead Theatre, Swiss Cottage, NW3 (01-722 9224). Tube: Swiss Cottage, Mon-Sat 8-9pm, mats Thurs and Sat 4-5pm, Mon £5; Tues-Fri and mats £6, Sat eve £7. Tonight, tomorrow and Sat only.

* JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Peter O'Toole gives his best and furniest performance in years as the well-known man-about-Soho locked into his favourite pub overnight and meeting

figures from his past. Apollo Theatre, Shaftssbury Ave, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8.30pm, and Sat 8.45pm, Sat mat 5.30pm, 25-215. ★ LETTICE AND LOVAGE: Carole

☆ LETTICE AND LOVAGE: Carole Shelley and Helen Ryan in Peter Schaffer's long-running comedy in which two unlikely partners wage eccentric war against the modern world. Ends Jan 27.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£15. (D)

☆ NOEL AND GERTIE: Patricia Hodge and Simon Cadell spar, sing and dance in Sheridan Morley's trip down Memory

Laire. Comedy Theatre, Panton St, London SW1 (01-930 2578), Tube: Piccadility Circus. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.45pm, mats Wed 3pm, Sat 6pm. £5.50-£16. ☆ PRIN: Commanding performance by

Sheila Hancock as a rude, snobbish. orinia harbork as a ruce, succussi, autocratic college principal with principles you have to admire.

Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-457 3888), Tube: Piccadity Circus. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, mat Sat 4.30-7pm, £5-£15. ☆ SHIRLEY VALENTINE: Paula Wilcox

in Willy Russell's award-winning one-woman play in which a domestic worm triumphantly turns. Dulle of York's Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 5122). Tube: Leicester Sq. Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, mat

London Fields, Martin Amis

NON-FICTION

PAPERBACKS

The Scarlet Thread, Evelyn Anthony Clear and Present Danger, Tom Clancy

The Camomile Lawn, Mary Wesley

Source: Hatchards, 187 Piccadilly, London W1

ekers, Rosamund Pilcher

The Edge, Dick Francis . The Shellseekers, Rosan

The rhythm of success

country as one half of the Bob and Marcia duo which enjoyed a Top 5 hit in 1970 with a sprightly version of Nina Simone's black pride authem "Young Gifted and Black". But she is also currently enjoying a surge of popular success in America with her remake of the Bunny Wailer song "Electric Boogie" (No 59, without a builet), a combination of hot calypso rhythms spiced with snatches of raggamuffin rap which has apparently sparked off something of a mini-dance craze in the States. She is featured together with fellow Jamaican stars Dennis Brown and Freddie McGregor on the Reggae Superfest package tour, which opens in Leeds tonight, But it is a reflection of reggae's continuing commercial malaise that of three such august performers — all former gisuts of Jamaica's famed Studio One label — only Griffiths holds a current UK recerding contract. McGregor, whose "Just Don't Want to be Lonely" was a UK Top 10 hit in 1987 and who has become a superstar in South America, was dropped by Polydor last Autumn while Dennis Brown, who in 1983 enjoyed no less than six hits in the UK reggae chart, remains a perennial live attraction. Ton Astoria, 339 Roundhay Road, Leeds (0532 490362) 7.30pm, £7-28; temorrow, International 2, Manchester (061 236 2577); January 27, Hummingbird, Birmingham (021 236 4236); January 28, UEA, Norwich (8603 505401); January 29, Top Rank, Brighton (0273 732627); January 30, Astoria, London WC2 (01-434



Carmon Fulham Road (01-370 2835). Progs 1.40, 6.10, 9.20. (Closed Sun) Carmon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 12.35, 3.10, 5.45, 8.25. Plaza (01-200 0200). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45 (not Sun). Late Fri, Sat 11.15. Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Progs 11.00, 1.30, 4.05, 6.45, 9.15 (not Sun).

0403); January 31, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone (0303 53193). David Sinclair

FIELD OF DREAMS (PG): Kevin Costne as a farmer encouraged by a celestial voice to use his cornfield for a baseball pitch (106 min). Cannon Fulhem Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.10.



The soprano Emma Kirkby (above) performs at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on the South Bank tonight (see listings). As part of the current International Leider Recital series, she sings 17th-century arie antiche by Monte-verdi, Galilei, Strozzi and others. She is accompanied by Anthony Rooley, who plays lute. An alternative Lieder recital takes place at the Wigmore Hall tonight, the first of three Schubert Lieder recitals in which the tenor Christophe Homberger sings the Schöne Müllerin cycle (see listings for

WORD-WATCHING

(a) Soffering from species having an inflammation and encrustation of the roots of a

beard, from the Greek said

AQUAMANILE

a fig: "Scabs, he said — I'm sycotic."

AQUAMANILE

(a) A medieval ewer, especially the basin in which the priest washes his hands, from the Latin aqua water + manus a hand manalis flowing: "A broaze equestrian aquamanile was used as a water vessel for church purposes." The Water power of the Water

poses. The Water pours out from the aperture in the horse's forehead."

DEAD-CAT BOUNCE

Answers from page 20

SYCOTIC

Casinon Haymartost (01-839 1527). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.00, 8.30. (Closed Sun). Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.25, 5.35, 8.15. (Closed Whiteley's Bayswaler (01-792 3303). Progs 6.30, 9.00 (not Sun).

OLIVER AND COMPANY (U): Animated Disney feature, inspired by Dickens's Officer Twist. (74 min). Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 2.30, 4.25. Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644/5). Progs 12.05, 2.15, 4.30 (not Sun), 8.30

(not Sun). **Odeon Swies Cottage (01-722 590**5). Progs 2.20, 4.30, 6.40, 8.40. Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.10. Whiteley's Bayawater(01-792 3303). Progs 12.00, 2.15, 4.20, 6.40.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ BACH FOR LUNCH: Peter Les-Cox conducts the St Mary-at-Hill Ensemble in Bach's Ich fraue mich in dir Cantata. St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham St, London EC2 (01-3/3 5586), 1.10-1.50om, frae.

* ROBERTS RECITAL: Roland Roberts plays Elgar's Violin Sonata and Grieg's Sonata No 2. The planist is Tanya St John's, Smith Sq. London SWI (01-222 1061), 1.15pm, £2.50.

EVENING

★ NEW ROXBURGH: Continuing the

**Volume Artists and Park Lane Group's "Young Artists and Twentieth-Century Music' series, David Andrew Jones gives the London premiere of Edwin Roxburgh's six Etudes and, as a well deserved tribute to his 85th birthday, performs Tippett's Piano Sonata No 2.

Purpell Room, South Bank, London SEI. Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE (01-928 8800), 6.30pm, £3-£5.

★ SEUNG-HEE HYUN: This Korean T SECURCHIES IT UP: 1 ITES NOTES IN PLANTISE, winner of first prizes at the Chopin Young Plantsts' Competition and the Sach International Competition, plays Chopin's Impromptu Op 36,

Polonaise Op 44, Ballade Op 52 and other pieces. Yamsha Pieno Studios, 24 Princes St, London Wi (01-408 0210), 7-8pm, free.

☆ WILLIAMS JOB: Vaughan Williams's Job and Mozart's Symphony No 32 are heard from the Halle Orchestra under Sir Charles Groves, while in Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 the soloist is Philip Fowles. Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Menchester (061 834 1712), 7.30cm, £2-£11.

★ FAIR MAID: In the first of three Schubert Lieder recitals Christophe Homberger, tenor, sings the Schöne Müllerin cycle. Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London Wi (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £4.50-£9.

★ MAGIC MOZART: Marcello Vlotti rr MAGIC MOZART: Marcello Viotif conducts the ECO in Mozert's Zeuberflöte Overture, Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto (Stephanie Gorlley, soloisti; and Schubert's Symphony No 9. Berbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45pm, £7.50-£15.50.

* MARTIN'S MASQUERADE: The kish x man I m's masquerape: The frish planist Philip Martin plays his Masquerade, premiered at the Purcell Room on Tuesday, adding to it Brahms's Scherzo Op 4, Schumann's Nachtstücke and a sonata by Schubert. Turner Stas Concert Hall, Southampton University Scuttampton (2713 67471) University, Southampton (0703 671771),

★ TROMBONE CLARINETS: The Park Lane Group's "Young Artists and Twentieth-Century Music" series carries on with Sigurder Thorbergsson (trombone), the Thurston Clarinet Cuartet and Clare Toomer (plano) performing clarinet quartets by Fricker, Absil and Roxburgh, Sackman's Trombone Sonata, Stockhausen's in Fraundechaff and now pieces by Chun Freundschaft and new pieces by Chua, Sawyer and Martin. Purcell Room, 8pm, £3.50-£6.50.

★ KIRKBY CONCERT: See picture.
Queen Elizabeth Hell, South Bank,
London SEI (01-928-8800), 7.45pm, £6-12.50

OPERA

* HANSEL AND GRETEL: English National Opera's new year revival continues its run, now with Christine Botes and Alison Hagley taking over the title-roles, and with James Holms conducting. Colliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-9.45pm, £3.-

★ DON PASQUALE: New production of Donizett's opera buffa for Opera North: Andrew Shore takes the title-role and David Lloyd-Jones conducts.

Grand Theatra, Leeds (0532 459351), 7.15-9.45pm, £5-£21.

ROCK

* SOUREZZE: With their journty tunes and quirky, sentimental lyrics about the mundanities of everyday life, the south Londoners have become a charmingly quaint if dispidated English pop inethities. Institution. Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Rd (091 261 2606), 7.30pm, £8-£9.

* PAUL McCARTNEY: Start of the London run of this dazzing show which celebrates the Beatles' heritage as much as it showcases new material from this heart of the showcases. from this year's comparatively impressive Flowers in the Dirt album. Wembley Arene, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234), 7.30pm,

218.50, for 11 nights. * CHRIS REA: Still benefiting from Mark Knopfler's prolonged leave of absence, and every inch a rock star for these adult orientated, CD-enriched times. NEC, Birmingham (021 760 4133), 7.30pm, £12-£14.

TEARS FOR FEARS: Earnest Roland Orzabel and cuts Curt Smith. Intermittent manufacturers of adult-pop blockbusters like the current album, The Seeds of Love. Apollo, Ardwick Green, Mancheste (061 278 3775), 7.80pm, £12-£14.

JAZZ

★ LLOYD RYAN: The drummer's modern quartet includes sexochonist Derek Nash and pienist Mark Edelman Colchester Arts Centre, Church St (0206 577301), 8.30pm, £3.50.

☆ JOHN DANKWORTH: Reution time as the saxophonist-composer brings together players from his big band and the Dankworth Seven. Support from the Brian Dee Trio.

Romine Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £10 (members £2). To Jan 20.

☆ HAL GALPER: Closing night from the American planist, promoting a new Concord album, "Portrait", Backing from the Peter Ind Trio. Base Cet, 35 Coronet St, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, 25.

☆ N.A.N.C.Y.: Godfrey Taibot and Mike Waiter take the improvising quartet through selections from its recent, eponymous recording. Black Cat Club, The White Horse, 154 Fleet Lane, London NW3 (01-485 2112), 8.30pm, 23.

DANCE

★ THE NUTCRACKER: Peter Schaufuss's complicated version of the Tchalkovsky classic for English National Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30pm, 25-

GALLERIES

KRISTIN CHARLESWORTH: Pastels, watercolours and drawings of a range of subjects, including Tuscan landscapes. New Grafton Gallery, 49 Church Fld. New Grafton Gallery, 49 Church Rd, London SW13 (01-748 8850), Tues-Sat 10am-5.30pm, free, until Jan 27.

DEIRDRE O'CONNELL: Sculptures from the recent period this artist spent in Italy while on a Home Fellowship.

Arts Council Gallery, Bedford St, Belfast (0232 321402), Tues-Set, 10am-6pm, free, until Feb 3.

SURFACE, STRUCTURE, GROUND: Recent pentings by Tim Wright.
Wilson Hele, 66 Golborne Rd, London
W10 (01-966 3320), Tues-Thurs 11am-6pm, Fri-Sat 10am-6pm, free, until Feb
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THE OTHER STORY: Works by post-war Caribbean origins. Hayward Gaffery, South Bank Centre, London SE1 (01-261 0127), daily 10am-6pm, £4, until Feb 4.

PRE-RAPHAELITES: PAINTERS AND PATRONS IN THE NORTH EAST: A show bringing together the impressiv collections amassed by Newcastle's Victorian industrialists.

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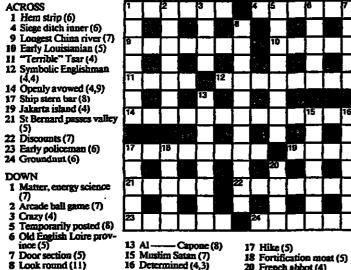
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Sue Sutton and her three children, with a picture of baby Tom (BBC2, 9.30pm)

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TO THE TENNIS "you've got other children", "pull your-self together" and "time will heal". As the cases in this film demonstrate, time does not necessarily heal. The work of the Alder Centre is based on the recognition that it is easier to come to terms with grief by talking about it, with counsellors or others in a similar consistents of others in a simple constitution, than trying to suppress it.

● In This Week (ITV, 8.30pm) Joan Door ing noming: Passaval Thestra, GrangeRt Nama, Proposition of 1984 80277 Shenton reports on the growing controversy surrounding hormone replacement therapy or HRT. The medical case symptoms and help avoid thinning bones which can lead to osteoporosis and disabling fractures in older women. According to John Studd, a consultant gynaecologist who runs several menopause clinics, it is "the most important development in preventive medicine in PLAYING WITH SPRITZER BASE e western world for half a century". On the other hand, there is evidence that women on HRT stand a greater risk of developing breast cancer. There is also a commercial bandwagon. With the HRT market doubling between 1988 and 1989, and the prospect that two million Dance Jan Jan Bar women will be on HRT by the end of the century, competition among the drug Walks and Tels companies is intense. Other Free Bonings in

(BBC (THIVLONDON: 30) 6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News with

6.00 TV-am starts with News and Good Morning Britain, presented by Richard Keys and, from 7.00, by Michael Morris and Linda Mitchell. Michael Morris and Linca Michaelincludes News at \$.30, 7.00,
7.30, \$.00, \$.30 and \$.00. After
Nine with Kathy Tayler
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word game with
Lennie Bennett
9.55 Thames News

minutes, and regular sports bulletins weather, regional news and travel, and a review of the morning newspapers by Paul Callan 8.55 Regional News and weather

9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air with Eamonn Holmes and Jayne Irving. To contribute, ring 061 814 0424 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a studio discussion

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10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold. Quiz (r)
10.25 Children's BBC, presented by Simon Parkin, starts with Playdays.
The Patch Stop (r)
10.50 Poddinton Peas. Mound of Treuble (r)

Trouble (r) 10.55 Five to Eleven with Eileen Atkins
11.00 News and weather followed by
Open Air. Jonathan Powell and Alan
Yentob, the controllers of BBC1
and BBC2, answer viewers

Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando. Includes news headlines every 15 minutes, and regular sports bulletins,

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questions
12.00 News and weather followed by
Daytime Live with Alan Titchmarsh
and Judi Spiers 12.55 Regional
News and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip
Hayton, followed by Weather with
John Kettley
1.30 Neighbours. Cupid aims an arrow
at Mrs Mangel and John
Worthington, and there is an
unfortunate incident with Madge's
cake during the competition.
(Ceefax)

1.50 Going for Gold. Quiz with Henry Kelly

Kelly

2.15 Film: No Man of Her Own (1950, b/w), melodrama starring Barbara Starrwyck, John Lund and Jane Cowl. A rich couple ponder over a dark secret that has been concealed for many years. Directed by Mitchell Leison

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3.50 Children's BBC, presented by
Andi Peters, starts with Dooby
Duck's Disco Bus (r) 3.55
Charlie Challe. Arnold's Night Out (r)
4.10 Ten in a Bed. Little Girl
Sandwich, narrated by Victoria Wood
(r) 4.25 New Yogi Bear Show.
Buffalood Bear 4.35 Alfonso
Bonzo. The Mouse Project 5.00
Newsround with Roger Finn and
Helen Rollason 5.05 Base Peter
with Yvette Fielding, Caron Keating
and John Leslie. (Ceefax)
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5.35 Neighbours. A chance to see the episode shown earlier. (Ceefax) 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Andrew Harvey, followed by Weather with lan McCaskill

6.30 Newsroom South East 7.00 Top of the Pops with DJ Simon Mayo (simultaneous broadcast with Radio 1)

7.30 EastEnders. Michelle has something on her mind but is reluctant to share it with her mother; Wicksy finds it difficult to conceal his feelings; and Marge realizes who her real friends are. (Ceefax)

8.00 Tomorrow's World. Howard Stableford reports from the European Space Agency mission control in Darmstadt, from where last August the £200 million satellite "Hipparcos" hurtled into the wrong orbit

8.30 May to December. The second-part of a romantic drama comedy about a wealthy, middle-aged Scottish widower who falls in love with a 27-year-old PE teacher. Stars Eve Matheson and Anton Section (Confer).

Rodgers. (Ceefax) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk, followed by Regional News

9.30 One Foot in the Grave. The Big One Foot in the Grave. The big Siep. The second part of a cornedy series about 60-year-old Victor, who is waking up to the realization of what enforced early retirement means after 26 years as a security officer. Stars Richard Wilson and America Crockie Annette Crosble

10.00 See for Yourself. Speak for Yourself. The BBC chairman. Marmaduke Hussey, and the director-general, Michael Checkland, answer viewers' questions about programmes and schedules 11.00 Cagney and Lacey. Chop Shop.
A dangerous operation to uncover a car-theft network goes wrong and a colleague's life hangs in the balance. Stars Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly (r) 11,45-11-50 Weath

10.40 This Marning with Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Chris Steele, family doctor, gives health advice. Includes News headlines at 10.55 and Regional News at 11.55

12.10 The Riddlers. Why are Mossop and Tiddler fishing in the well?

12.30 Home and Away. Ailsa tells Air that she is five months pregnant but there is another secret she

cannot share 1.00 News at One followed by national

weather
1.20 Thames News and weather
1.30 Snooker. Third quarter final of the
Mercantile Credit Classic, presented
by Tony Francis from Norbreck

by Tony Francis from Norbreck
Castle, Blackpool
3.25 Thames News and weather
3.30 Sons and Daughters. Flona
presents Janice and Andy with a
challenge. Beryl is having a hard
time in prison
4.00 Children's ITV, presented by
Jeanne Downs, starts with Hot Dog
4.15 Dogtanian and the Three
Musicehounds. Hurry Before the
Adventure Starts (r) 4.40 Woof!
Mixed Doubles. In the last in the
present series, it looks as if Roy's
horrible sister has found out Eric's
secret. (Oracle)

secret. (Oracle)
5.10 Blockbusters. Quiz with Bob

5.40 News followed by national weather. (Oracle)
6.00 Home and Away. A chance to see the episode shown earlier today
6.25 Thames News and weather
6.50 Thames Help with Jackie

Spreckley
7.00 Emmerdale. Nick Bates and Dolly 7.00 Emmerdale. Nick Bates and Dolly start work: Nick finds the going tough, white Dolly must find someone to look after Sam. Zoe is trying to start work on her college project, but finds the local farmers far from helpful 7.30 Survival. Gita Monster, featuring

the world's most venomous first the world's most venomous transfer and beaded lizard. One lives in a humid forest, the other in a desert

8.00 The Bill. I Thought You'd Gone. It is the last day at Sun Hill police station for Inspector Frazer and PC Taffy Edwards. Tosh Lines starts a rumour that the book Frazer is element to write it a later and tall planning to write is a kiss-and-tell story of life at Sun Hill. (Oracle) 8.30 This Week (see Choice)

9.00 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. The Cooper Reache The Adventures of Sheriock Holmes. The Copper Beaches. The job as governess for Jethro Rucastle seems perfect for young Violet Hunter — apart from the stipulation that she must have her head shorn before starting work. Agreeing to the strange request, she heads for Hampshire, but soon sends a plea for help to Holmes. Stars Jeremy Brett, David Burke and Natasha Richardson (r). (Oracle)

weather. (Oracle)
10.30 Thames News and weather
10.35 The City Programme includes a look at the TSB

11.05 Snooker. Tonight's games should reveal the four some finalists in the Mercantile Credit Classic. Followed by Crimestoppers (r). (Oracle)

12.30am Prisoner: Cell Block H. The strike begins. Vera is attacked in the laundry room and the women head for the roof

series from America

2.30 News headlines followed by Film:
Woman Chases Man (1937, b/w).
Miriam Hopkins, Joel McCrea and
Charles Winninger star in this
romantic comedy about a feminist
architect who persuades a millionaire
to invest in a property. to invest in a property development project. Directed by John G. Blystone 4.00 News headlines followed by

Three's Company. Upstairs, Downstairs, Downstairs. Chaos three dinners in three different 4.30 America's Top 10 with Casey

Kasem (r)
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

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8.60 News 8.15 Westminster 9.00 The Little Train to Lynton (r) 9.30 Betjeman in Australia (r) 9.55 The Historyman, The Little Church at Braxted (r)

10.00 Laurel and Hardy (b/w). Night

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10.20 Film: West of the Pecos (1945, b/w), starring Robert Mitchum and Barbara Hale. A cowhand teaches a youngster the ways of Texan life. Directed by Edward Killy
11.20 Film: Man Alive (1945, b/w), starring Pat O'Brien and Adolphe Menjou. A desperate businessman tries to win back his wife after her old flame sparks into life. Directed by Ray Enright
12.30 The Samurai from Twickenham (r) 1.20 Fingermouse. Drum (r) 1.35

(r) 1.29 Fingermouse. Drum (r) 1.35 Look, Stranger (r)
2.00 News and weather followed by in the Garden. January. First of a new monthly series.

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2.15 Antiques Roadshow from Blackpool (r). (Ceefax)
3.09 News and weather followed by Westminster Live, including Prime Minister's Question Time
3.50 News and weather followed by Regional News and weather
4.00 Catchword with Paul Cola
4.30 Behind the Headlines with Paul Boateng, MP, and Jeffrey Archer
5.00 Northern Arts. John Akkin, the sculptor, talks about the influence of Wiltred Owen's poetry on his

Wilfred Owen's poetry on his worker of Owen's poerry on his work (r) 5.10 Horizon. Oil Spill (r). (Ceefax) 6.00 Film: Moby Dick (1956), starring Gregory Peck, Orson Welles and Richard Basehart. Adventure, set in the 1840s, about a young sailor who ions a whallon ship and

who joins a whaling ship and encounters Captain Ahab, a man obsessed with trying to kill the whale that took his leg. Directed by John Huston. (Ceefax)

John Huston. (Ceefax)
7.50 The Eurythmics (r)
8.10 Wideword. Prayers to the Rayen.
The first of two award-winning
anthropological films about
America's most northerly group of
Indians, the Koyukon of Alaska
9.00 Monty Python's Flying Circus (r).
(Ceefax)
9.30 40 Minutes (see Choice). (Ceefax)
10.10 Screenplay Firsts: The Audition,
starring Jane Wright and Edith
Armstrong, is about a film director
who auditions her mother for a part in
a television series and finds that

who auditions her mother for a part is a television series and finds that keeping a professional relationship between them is easier said than done. Directed by David Hazlett 10.30 Newsnight with Donald MacCormick 11.15 Weather 11.20 Darts. Embassy world professional championship 12.20 Behind the Headlines (r)

CHANNEL As London except 1.20 pm-1.30

CHANNEL News 5.19-5.40 Home and Away

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Truth 16.35-11.06 Facing South 12.30 em Guidenberg
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HTV WALES As HTV West except 5.00830pm Wales at Six 7.30-6.00
Below the Fold 10.35-11.05 Rugby.
TSW 4.09 Home and Away 6.00 Today 8.39-7.00

Scenes From an Execution at the Almaida Theatre, London; and the films Rosalio Goes Shopping an

American Stories (s) (r)
5.00 PM with Robert Williams and Frances Coverdate
5.30 Shipping Forecast
5.35 Weather

Report 6.30 Just A Minute: Nicholas

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Soundtrack: 1

6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial

Parsons hosts the non-sto

talking quiz. With Clement Freud, Richard Murdoch, Lance Percival and Wendy Richard (s) (r)

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5 Coundtrack: The Beat Goes
Co. The story of Britain's
Reggae Philharmonic
Crchestra, a group of
classically-trained black
musicians, and their concert
tour of Jamaica last year (s)
(see Choice)

8.00 A Nearby Country: Scotland is different! Part 2: The Kirk.

8.45 Does He Take Sugar?
Magazine for disabled isteners. Presented by Katl Whater

Whitaker
9.15 Kaleidoscope: A report on the Renaissance Theatre Company's production of King Laar in Los Angeles; and how the police are tracted on balavision

treated on television

9.45 The Financial World Tonight

9.65 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book At Bedtime; Lady

James Naughtie examines the differences which remain between Scotland and England, through three of its institutions

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 The Art of Landscape
12.00 The Parliament Programme with
Sue Cameron 12.30 Business Daily
with Susannah Simons

1.00 Sesame Street 2.00 Film: Good News (1947, b/w), with June Allyson, Peter Lawford and Patricia Marshell. A footbell star

Patricia Marshall. A football star hires a fellow student to teach him French in order to impress a girl. Directed by Charles Walters

3.45 Movie Museum. Film footage from Capture of a Roof Burglar, made in 1898, and the classic New York Hat, filmed 14 years later

4.00 Not on Sunday with Brian Rednead 4.30 Countdown with Richard Whiteley 5.00 Treasure than in Jersey (r), (Cracle)

6.00 Club X-tra. Magnificent Obsessions with Dr Alfred Stern. The stories of a woman whose life is guided by the late Jayne Mansfield, a guided by the late Jayne Mansfield, a young man besotted with Swedish group Abba, and Screaming Lord Sutch, the persistent

Parliamentary candidate

6.30 Kate and Allie. The Very Loud

6.30 Kate and Allie. The Very Loud Family (r)
7.00 Channel Four News. (Oracle)
7.50 Comment followed by weather
8.00 Painters to the People. The Followers of the Pre-Raphaelites. How English painting was changed by the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, and the effect of this on William Morris, Edward Burne-Jones and Rossetti
8.30 Brass. Comedy (r)
9.00 Traffik. The Addict (r)
10.00 True Stories: Radium City. A study of the Ottawa women who, from 1922, were employed to

from 1922, were employed to draw luminous numbers on clock faces with paint that contained

faces with paint that contained radium. Many of them died young from radium-related diseases, while others gave birth to stillborn babies or to children suffering from physical or mental deformities 11.05 Sumo. Day eight of the Grand Autumn Tournament, introduced by Lyall Watson from Tokyo's Koluculia stadium. kokugikan stadium. At the start of play, Chiyonofuji is in the lead with a perfect score of 7-0. However

Hokutenyu is just one point behind 11.35 Film: The Last Battle (1983, b/w).

Award-winning Franch film with no dialogue, starring Pierre Jolivet and Jean Bouise, set in a post-nuclear war age. Directed by Luc Rosson.

1.20-1.45am Symphony of Seville.
The RTVE Symphony orchestra plays
Turina's "Seville Symphony" in
this film which captures the grace of

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BBC1 WALES: 6.30-7.00pm Weles Today
11.45 Barry Norman's Film 90 12.16am
News of Wales SCOTLAND: 19.50-11.00am
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Competition 3.00 A Gin Named Eudora 9.30-7.00
Reporting Scotiand 8.30-8.00 Focal Point 11.45
Scotish International Plano Competition 12.35am
Weather HORTHEEM IRELAND: 8.30pm Sportswide
8.40-8.00 Inside Uster 6.20 Neighbours 6.557.30 Inside Uster Update 8.30-8.00 As I Roved Out
11.45-12.15am Barry Norman's Film 90
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4.10 On the Live Side 4.40-8.00 Filty Years On'
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Home and Away 6.90 Lockaround 6.30-7.00
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the Dark Sid 11.35 News, Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: 2,30pm Bosco 3.00
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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

5.00am Sky News 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 DJ Kat 8.30 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The Sultivans 10.30 Sky By Day 11.30 A Problem Shared 12.00 Another World 12.55pm General Hospital 1.50 As The World Turns 2.45 Loving 3.15 The Young Doctors 3.45 Captain Caveman 4.00 The Adventures of Guliver 4.30 The New Leave It To Beauer Show 5.00 Sky Star Search 6.00 Beaver Show 5.00 Sky Star Search 6.00 The New Price is Right 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Beyond 2000 8.00 Moonlighting 9.00 Wiseguy 10.00 Jameson 11.00 Sky News 11.30 Sara

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
5.00am World Business Report 5.30
European Business Channel 6.00 World
Business Report 9.30 Frank Bough
10.30 BMTV Good Health 11.30 World
Business Report 1.30pm NBC Today
2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 PM's Question
Time 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 NBC
Today 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Beyond 2000
7.30 The Reporters 8.30 Frank Bough
9.30 Target 10.30 The Reporters 11.30
NBC Nightly News 12.30am Frank
Bough 1.30 Target 2.30 The Reporters
3.30 Frank Bough 4.30 Target

SKY MOVIES

From 8.00em The Satellite Shop 2.00pm My Dad Can't Be Crazy . . . Can He? (1989): A young boy's father is suffering from mental illness Crazy . . . Cem He? (1989): A young boy's father is suffering from mental illness 3.00 Dusty: Episode eight of the Australian drama 4.00 My Little Pony (1986): The magical kingdom is under threat 6.00 Day One — Part Two: Chronicles the race to develop the atom bomb 7.40 Entertainment Tonight 8.00 Dirty Dencing (1987): Starring Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Gray 9.40 Projector: Forthcoming movies on Sky

Sky **10.00 Predator (1987)**: A bend of review Precedure (1967; A DRNO 07
mercenaries wage battle against a
chameleon-like alien
11.45 The Mini-Skirt Meb (1968):
Female biker movie, starring Diane McBain
1.30am Remo: Unamed and Dangerous (1985): Fred Ward as a government agent, taught special powers by an eastern mystic 4.00 Johnny Dangerously (1984); Michael Keston in a spoof of 1930s gangster movies. Ends at 5.25am

EUROSPORT

5.00am World Business Report 5.30
European Business Channel 6.00 DJ Kat
8.30 Menu 9.00 Three-Cushion Billiards
10.00 Luge World Cup 10.30 Paris-Dakar
Raily 10.45 World Cup Skiing 12.00
Table Tennis 1.00pam Football 2.00 Tennis:
Arantxa Sanchezx v Stelfi Graf 3.00
Trans World Sport 4.00 Lissabon Football
Tournament 5.00 Gymnastics 6.00
Mobil Motor Sport News 6.30 Surfer
Magazine 7.00 Commonwealth Cycling
Classic 8.00pam Paris-Dakar Raily 9.00
Ford Snow Report 9.05 Lissabon
Football Tournament 10.00 Paris-Dakar Football Tournament 10.00 Paris-Daker Rally 10.15 Basketball 12.15 mm Paris-Daker Rally

5,30cm Ctrb MTV 6.00 Kristiane Backer 11.00 Remote Control 11.30 Kristine Backer 1.00pm Marcel Vanthilt 5.00 Remote Control 5.30 Ctrb MTV 6.00 Ray Cokes 8.00 The Big Picture 8.30 Headbangers Ball 10.00 Maiken Wexo 1.00mm Night Videos **SCREENSPORT**

7.00mm Powersports 8.00 American Football 10.00 Diving 11.00 Review of 89: World Rally Championships 12.00 loa Skating 12.45pm Boxing 2.15 US College Football 4.15 Spanish Soccer 6.00 Rugby League 7.30 NFL American Football 9.30 Review of '89 11.30 Basketball

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Fitness Minute 10.01 Search for Tomorrow 10.25 Sim Cooking 10.55 Spain Spain 11.00 Coffee Break 11.10 The Edge of Night 11.35 American Gameshows 12.50pm Style File 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.50 Cop Shop 2.40 Search for Tomorrow 3.05 Tea Break 3.15 Cinema 4.45 American Gameshows

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RADIO 1

PM Stereo and MW News on the half-hour from 5.30cm until 8.30pm, then at ST CALLERED 5.30am until 6.30pm, then at 16.00pm 6.00am Jaiki Brambles 6.30 Smon Mayo 8.20 Samon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.46 Gry Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Alfamoon 5.30 News '90 6.00 Mark Goodler 7.00 Top of the Proc Nutril 1820 17.30 Company California is the E J. MILES GHILDER LAND the Pops (with RBC1) 7.30 Philip Schofield 8.30 John Peel 3.80 Nicky Campbell 12.00-200ess Richard Skirmer

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News on the hour
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7.30, 8.39
4.00am Alex Lester 5.30
Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson
9.39 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy
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Goria Hunniford 2.30 Adrian
Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Wally
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3easion from U.P. Wilson
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Round Midnight 1.00aan Nightride
3.08-4.00 A Little Night Music

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6.55am Weather and News
Headlines
7.09 Morning Concert: Watton
(Coronation March, Orb and
Sceptre: Royal Philharmonic
Orchestra under André
Previn): Milhaud (Sonatina,
Op 337: Heinz Hottiger,
oboe, Oleg Maisenberg,
piano): Chabrier (Overture,
Gwendoline: French
National Orchestra under
Armin Jordan)

7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis: St Louis SO under Leonard Statidn; Solo Outstreth Canadia Leonard Slatidn; Sol Quartet); Granados (Moresque: Jean Horreaux and Jean-Marie Treherd, guitars); attrib Handel (Concerto for flute, violin, cello and harpsichord: Parnassus Ensemble); Mozart (Symphony No 28 in C, K 200: Pragua Chamber Orchestra under Charles vlackerras) 8.30 News 8.35 Composers of the Week

J.S. Bach. Allabreve in D, BWV 589 (Ton Koopman, organ); Concerto in F, after Vivaldi, BWV 978 (Robert Vivaidi, BWV 978 (Hobert
Woolley, harpsichord);
Sonata in C, BWV 1005
(Sigiswald Kuijken, violin);
Non sa che sia dolore, BWV
209 (Bach Ensemble under
Joshua Rifikin, with Julianne
Baird, soprano)
9.35 Langham Chamber
Orchastra under Steuart
Bedford, with Susan Drake,
harp, perform Honegger

Bedford, with Susan Drake, herp, perform Honegger (Pastorale d'été); Debussy (Dense sacrée et danse proteine); ives (Symphony No 3 "The Camp Meeting") Smetana String Quertet, with Josef Suk, viola, performs Smetana (Quartet No 2 in D minor, 1882); Mereék (Puister No 2 in D.

No 2 in D minor, 1882;
Novák (Quartet No 2 in D,
Op 35) (r)

11.15 Mendelssohn and
Schumann. Angela Hewitt,
piano, performs
Mendelssohn (Variations
sérieuses, Op 54);
Schumenn (Humoreske in B
flat, Op 20) (r)

11.65 BBC Welsh Symphony
Orchestra under Guido
Almone-Marsan, with

RADIO 3 performs Haydn (Quartet in D minor, Op 76 No 2 "Fiths"): Elgar (Quartet in E minor, Op 83) 2.00 Il trionfo del temp e del I triorito del temp e del disingenno: Chiaroscuro under Rogers, with Nancy Argenta, soprano, Patrizia Kwella, soprano, Nicholas Ciapton, counter-tenor, Nigel Rogers, tenor, performe Hendel's ellecorisel creatio written

per torns nations, written in 1707. With fibretto by Cardinel Benedetto Pamphill. Sung in Italian, Incl 3.16 Interval Reading 3.20 Part 2 (r)
4.35 Nina Milidna: The planist performs Mozart (Sonata in C, K 330; Rondo in A minor,

with the Indian-born composer Naresh Schal about his current preoccupations, and his latest work, Madness Lit by 7.30 Studio 7 Concert: Live from

Picaresque Comedy); Michael Blake Watkins (Trumpet Concerto); Vaughen Williams (Symphony No 8 in D minor) 8.45 Tessa Uys: The planist

Ensemble under David Davies, with Jane Manning, soprano, Linda Ormiston, mezzo, John Brackenridge,

Orchestra (most cauco Armone-Mairsen, with Sloned Williams, harp, Susan Milan, tiuta, performs Mozart (Overture, The Magic Flute); Mathias (Maios, Op 73); Beethoven (Maios, Op 73); Beethoven (Melos, Op 73); Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A) 1.00pm News 1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: The first of six programmes, live from St George's, By andon Hill, Bristol. The Alberni String Quartet

6, K 511)

6.06 Fusion Guitar Trio performs
Jorge Strunz (Preludio;
Anoranza; Para Sandino)

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with
Roger Nichols

7.00 News 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: Michael Hall talks

> New Broadcasting House, Manchester. The BBC Managessar. The Bay Phäharmonic under Elgar Howarth, led by Dennis Simons, with Håkan Hardenberger, trumpet, performs Bax (Overture to a

performs Bach (English Suite No 2 in A minor, BWV 807); Schubert (Sonatz in A, 807/s Schubert (Sonata in A. D 664) (r)

9.30 King Cutier I: Physis King and Ivor Cutier with a selection of songs, poems and diatogues, until they are disturbed by a knock on the door (see Choice)

10.00 Music in Our Time: Paragon Freemble under David

tenor, Alan Oke, baritone, Jonathan Best, base, performs Naresh Sohel (Madness Lit by Lightning, music theatre for five voices and ensemble - first broadcast) broadcast)
11.08 Composers of the Week:
Hector Berlioz, Rouget de
Liste, arr Berlioz (La
Marsellaise); Berlioz
(Symphonie funêbre et
triompiale, Op 15: Cantata,
L'impériale, Op 29) (r)
12.00 News 12.05am Gose

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 8.25 Yesterday in Parliament 8.56 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts with John Wate (r)

Waite (r) 9.30 All in the Mind: Professor Anthony Clare with the magazine devoted to matters of the mind 10.00 News; The Natural History
Provamme: Jessica Holm
and Fergus Keeling report
on music for locust plagues
and bald eagles, and how to
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10.45 An Act of Worship: Led by
the Rev Roy, lending (5)

the Rev Roy Jenkins (s)

11.00 News; Citizens

11.25 My Heroes; Ciff Morgan talks to journalist, broadcaster and author Robert Kee about those who have greatly influenced him

11.50 First Person: Series of talks

11.50 First Person: Series of talks by first-time broadcasters. Lesley Reader, in search of immortality, finds herself plant-hunting in Bhutan 12.00 News, You and Yours with John Howard 12.25pm The Senses: Six plays by Bob Sinfield, 2: Touch. A recontinget at a dector's receptionist at a doctor's surgery discovers she has a crift. With Polly James as Marjorie and Michael Angelis as Dr Cole (s) (r) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World At One with Jemes Nauchtie 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
Includes an interview with
Professor Julia Higgins, a
chemical engineer; Sara
Maitland and Graham
Bright, MP, discuss
blesphemy; and a feature on
babies and the role taken by Forecast

3.00 News; She's OK: Play by Peter Trainor. An ordinary family comes face to face with tragedy. With Rose McBain as Jan (s) 4.00 News 4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks

4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to biographer Michael Holroyd, and this month's paperback reading is reviewed by Pannela Donald 4.35 Kaleidoscope: Presented by Natalfe Wheen, Includes reviews of Marguerita Duras's book Practicalities;

10.45 A Book At Bedtime: Lady
Chatterley's Lover, by
D.H. Lawrence (9 of 15)
11.00 The Sittsford Mystery, by
Agatha Christle. Dramatized
in tive-parts by Michael
Bakewell. Part 2: An Arrest
for Murder. The murder of
Captain Travelyen is
revealed by a seance at
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(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

 Ivor Cutler is a humorous writer and performer who can so slacken his pace that a tortoise could give him a mile start and still overtake him. He is fond of the long pause. By comparison, Pinter is a machine-gun. His doleful style is archetypically on offer in King Cutler 1 (Radio 3, 9.30pm), and it has a contagious effect on the Canadian poet and song-writer Phyllis King who supports him in his



Ivor Cutler: he is fond of the long pause (Radio 3, 9.30pm)

capital out of blind men falling into rivers, she out of cats being filled up and used as hot-water bottles. Some of their material is banal. Other times, they pluck golden nonsensical apples off the boughs. For instance: "Better a jug without cream than no cream without a jug"... "Some of us, Mr Cutler, have found time to grow up." Reply from Mr Cutler: "I've been busy!" • In a strong edition, Soundtrack (Radio 4, 7.20pm), the feature series that has made presenters redundant, plots a coals-to-Newcastle course: London's Reggae Philharmonic Orchestra of secondgeneration West Indians visits Jamaica where a kind of titfor-tat situation awaits them. A Jamaican youth orchestra fiddles away with "Drink to

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By Jill Sherman Social Services

A £300 million package to help 850,000 disabled people, including a new benefit to encourage the disabled to take up work, was announced by the Government yesterday.

The proposals were attacked by the Opposition and by disability organizations, however, as an insult

Mr Tony Newton, Secretary of State for Social Security, told the Commons the pack age would help the long-term disabled with the extra costs of disability, improve benefits for those unable to work and help those who wanted to work to get or keep jobs.

The Labour Party attacked the "derisory sum" and argued that seven out of eight disabled people had been ignored. The Disability Alliance said the proposals were "an insult to disabled people." The announcement, backed

by a 70-page command paper, is the formal response to six surveys on disability from the Office of Population Censuses in Surveys. About 250,000 people aged under 40 who do not qualify for invalidity benefit will receive an extra £10 a week on top of the £28.20 severe disablement allowance.

The changes, over two years, include a new credit expected to encourage 35,000 disabled people to find work.

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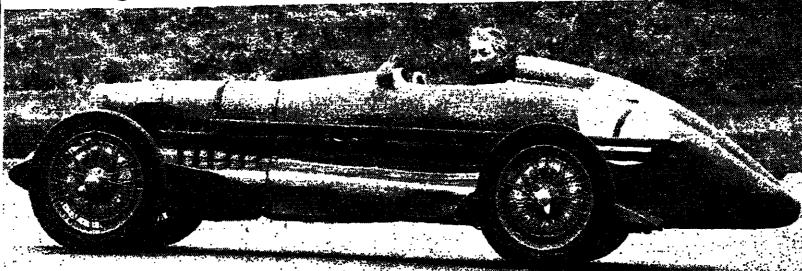
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Regional finals will be one-day (four-

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Mr Hawke in his immaculately restored K3 MG, and below, as it looked half a century ago, when Mr Ron Horton set a Brooklands lap record of 117mph.



The investment of a bottle of whisky has turned into £200,000 for the love Mr Mike Hawke lavished on his immaculately restored K3 MG racing car; that was the price he paid 20 years ago in Singapore for one of just 33 examples of the car. He was a shipbuilder in 1970 with the Ministry of Defence when he advertised for an

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Championship 1990 Qualifying Puzzle

Leeds, Queen's Hotel (300), Sunday, March 4; Birmingham, Grand Hotel (300), Sunday, April 29; Bristol, Hilton International Hotel (200), Sunday, May 13; London, Hilton Hotel, Park Lane (300), Saturday, June 2 (A) and Saturday, June 9 (B). No reference books or other aids may be used during the puzzle sessions. Refireshments will be provided free.

venue exceed the accommodation available, competitors will be required

to attempt an eliminator puzzle which will be published (if it is needed) on Thursday, February 15. Competitors are warned that this will be a more

than usually difficult puzzle but are reminded that incomplete (or only partly correct) solutions may well qualify, since only the least successful entries will be eliminated.

To try to avoid an eliminator for the

Bristol venue, competitors willing to attend Birmingham instead if nec-

essary are asked to show this on the

form below, thus "Bristol (can attend

MG (Kevin Eason writes). "A bloke turned up with a horrible rusting lump of an engine," he said, "and to be polite, I gave him a bottle of whisky and took it." Only on his return did Mr Hawke, of Bradford-upon-Avon, Wiltshire, realize the car's history when he wrote to MG to discover which model he had acquired. The

Birmingham)". No competitor will be moved between venues unless this indication has been given, and an eliminator will be held if necessary.

Competitors at a regional final may

following way. The regional winner will qualify plus one additional competitor for every 60 competitors over the first 60; thus from 61-120

competitors two will qualify for the final, from 121-180 three will qualify, and so on. The qualifiers from the six regional finals will attend the National Final at the London Hilton, Park Lane, London, on Saturday, September 12

Prizes given by Collins Publishers include the following each regional champion will win a Collins Trophy

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for the National Final including travel, de luxe hotel accommodation and meals Prizes will be awarded to the

next three places at each regional final.

Additional qualifiers will have their

hotel and rail travel expenses paid to the National Final. The winner of the

Championship receives a Collins Trophy and a £500 Gift Voucher and

the runner-up and third and fourth places receive Harrods Gift Vouchers

for £300, £200 and £100 respectively Further prizes will be awarded down to

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first owner was Mr Ron Horton, who broke the lap record of 117.7mph at Brooklands in 1933. Major "Goldie" Gardner painted it racing green to win a series of British class records before it was taken in 1939 by Mr Michael Jennings to Singapore, where it was dismantled after the Japanese invasion. Mr Hawke has managed to find

the parts to make the K3 a car which experts agree could be worth as much as £200,000. This investment does not, however, languish under cover in a garage. "I race it about once a year at Silverstone with varying success," Mr Hawke said. "Its £200,000 price tag does not stop me using it. It is load and messy, but that's half the beauty."

Crackdown on dissent as martial law ends

Continued from page 1 his first visit to Peking since the military crackdown on the protests in

would "try to re-establish a dialogue" with China and to express the views of the people of Hong Kong. He is expected to raise the growing desire in Hong Kong for more rapid democratization leading up to the Chinese takeover in 1997.

"The hostile forces inside and outside the country will not give up their attempt to subvert the socialist system in our country. We must remain vigilant.

at improving the Peking Govern-ment's image abroad, while it con-

WEATHER

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MEDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=tog; s=sun;

parts of England will be cloudy at first with some rain, but it will become drier with sunny spells. Windy in the north-west, but mild everywhere. Outlook: rain spreading to all parts.

ministration yesterday hailed Peking's decision to lift martial law as vindication of the President's controversial

cosmetic, Mr Dan Quayle, the Vice-President, said it was a "positive step forward for human rights. I think you are beginning to see dividends from the President's policy toward China." There were also indications yes-

terday that the White House was on the verge of reversing that conciliatory any substantial gesture from Peking.

Reports in both the Los Angeles Times and the Washington Post said the administration had decided to oppose the resumption of a \$700 Commons sketch

A testing time for MPs' party pieces

Fresh from the New Year Honours, the Foreign Office Minister of State, the Right Honourable (now) William Waldegrave was in a mood yesterday to be gracious.

"The right hon gentleman," he remarked to the shadow Foreign Secretary. Gerald Kaufman, "summarizes the truth eloquently." That's the nicest thing a politician has done to the truth in many a long year, and Mr Kaufman looked pleased with the tribute.

It rurned out to be his last. I often think that much heartache could be saved if candidates for political office were subjected to a simple screening process at the outset, to ensure that they were of the right cast of mind for the party rough-and-tumble. This test is submitted as a suitable start to such an exam:

In Foreign Office Questions on January 10 1990, Ministers prefaced their answers to various MPs with the following phrases. You may see that they fall into two broad groups. Taking each group in turn, can you find any link between

its MPs? (Clue: something is missing from the designation (ollowing each MP's name): DOUGLAS HURD, to:

1. Michael Jack (Fylde): "My hon friend is quite

2. Harry Cohen (Leyton): "The hon member is a good bit out of date".

3. Dave Nellist (Coventry SE): "That was pretty defensive stuff". WILLIAM WALDEGRAVE,

4. John Maples (Lewisham

W): "He is entirely right". 5. Gerald Bowden (Dulwich): "The answer is a clear

6. George Robertson (Ham-ilton): "The hon member is a little out of date".

TIM SAINSBURY, to: 7. Steven Norris (Epping Forest): "He has considerable experience and personal knowledge.

FRANCIS MAUDE, to: 8. Donald Anderson (Swansea E): "The hon gentleman is trying, but to little effect."

tainly do not need to be told the answers. But for success. ful candidates, a tougher lest might identify the high-fliers There are certain colleagues whom even the politest ministers find it hard to com-pliment. Study the following

extract from a Question by Mr Antony Marlow (C, North. ampton N), about the EC-... £2bn of British text. payers' money goes into sub-sidising these Europeans who seem to do nothing but insult

Now study the ministerial reply, from Francis Mande.
"The hon member is perfectly capable of holding upour angle in all this, and that

s — perhaps — valuable." 1. Why is Mr Maudé flustered? Why is he hedging? 2. Why did Hugh Dykes then shift away from Marlow on their shared bench? 3. Why did the Foreign

Secretary cast his eyes heavenwards and grin? Again, readers of this column need no help from me in

answering these questions.

Generally, Francis Maudewas in cool form. He was ableto keep a straight face, for instance, when advising the House that "three Metropoletan Police officers" have been sent to El Salvador to help its government sort out recent killings there. At least we will know, now, how this mystery is likely to be resolved. Either the incidents will have been "accidental deaths"; or else culprits will be identified and miraculously confess to virtually every other political crime in Latin America since the arrival of the Spanish

Our two main combatants. Mr Hurd and Mr Kaufman were as cool as Maude, Modestly, Mr Kaufman did not extend his plans (announced before Christmas) to send refugees to "the Philippines or Indonesia" to the Arab-Israeli conflict - discussed length yesterday.

Conquistadors ...

As for Mr Hurd, his mask slipped only once. When Tam Dalyell rose to air yet again the Westland issue, Hurd lay back and shut his eyes. Those little "thinks" bubbles from comics would have risen above him with just one word: "CRIPES!"

Matthew Parris

Customs drugs haul up

Continued from page 1

to those from Customs. Police figures are likely to take the cocaine total to about 1,100 lb. At Westminster yesterday there was widespread agreefigures justified the Governany relaxation of Britain's Government's position."

border controls and customs from police seizures are added procedures after 1992 (Nigel Williamson writes).

Mr Ivan Lawrence, the chairman of the Conservative backbench legal committee, said: "From the start we have ment that the drug seizure known that some EC comtries have been used, or could ment's strong stand against be used ... It justifies the

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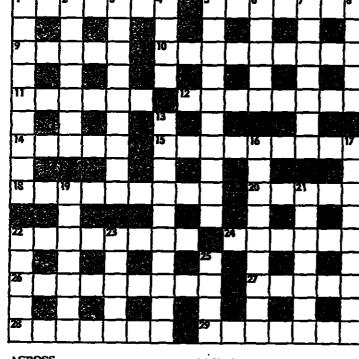
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- 14 Before mid-winter time is a factor (5), 15 Plainly this isn't the way to use a

needle (9).

- 18 A person saving money with poor diet's deplorable (9).
- 20 Watching some jockey in great
- form (5). 22 Drink with a politician if it should so chance (8).

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24 Took cold - anything can follow 26 Will meant to reform after the trial (9).

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- 3 One in fifty reprimands will result in tears (9). 4 Gather he was a forester (4). 5 Tale-teliers' objective (10).
- 6 Train that is about to speed up
- 7 Order to go without gratuity or salary (7). 8 A little 9 - there's no catch! (5).
- 13 The graduate is not lacking in education (10). 16 Working relationship in a free
- environment (9). 17 This rogue might be made to be trustworthy (9). 19 Boss understands his reporters
- gening harassed (7). 21 One who doesn't feel obliged to see where the solid fuel goes (7). 22 He's always ready to take part when resting (5).
- 23 A very little crate, badly constructed (5). 25 Agitate for porridge (4).

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard SYCOTIC a. Having an itchy beard b. Mentally disturbed c. Fig-esting AOUAMANTLE

a. A jug or ever b. Indoor running water c. A leather gauntlet DEAD-CAT BOUNCE . An end tackle at ice hockey b. A motorway pile-up c. A misleading rise in share prices QUIDDANY Whither?

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tinues the quiet suppression of dissent at home. • WASHINGTON: The Bush Ad-

At Peking airport Sir David said he

But Mr Li's comments were tempered by a reaffirmation of the Peking regime's brutal attitude towards dissent. "No matter what may happen in the world, we will unswervingly advance along the socialist road," he said in the televised address.

News reports on the lifting of martial law inspired a mood of celebration in Hong Kong, But there was little public reaction, or cause for celebration, in Peking. Analysts say that the lifting of martial law is a cosmetic change aimed

overtures to the Chinese leadership (Martin Fletcher writes). Rejecting the widely-held view that Peking's announcement was merely

policy, possibly because of the lack of

million World Bank loan programme. LONDON: Mr Ji Chou-Zou, the Chinese ambassador, speaking on BBC radio, defended the repression of the pro-democracy movement in Tiananmen Square, but said "social order has been restored to normalcy. The tasks

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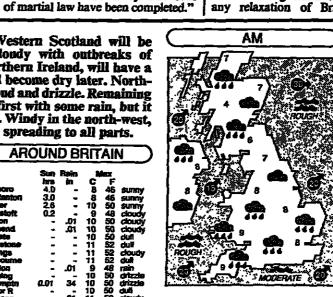
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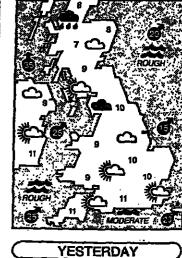
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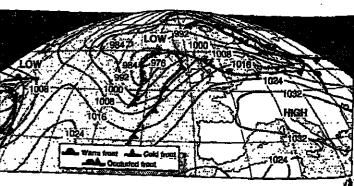
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Hanson to pay 10.4p

Hanson is promising dividends totalling 10.4p for the current year to end-September, an increase of more than 20 per cent.

The forecast by Lord Hanson, chairman, at yesterday's annual meeting, comes a month before holders of the £1 billion 10 per cent convertible loan stock can elect to switch to equity shares.

Analysts, who had widely expected an increase to no more than around 9.7p, believe the forecast will persuade all convertible holders 10 switch, significantly enhancing the balance sheet. Lord Hanson said he expected 1990 to be "another good

Bespak up

Bespak pre-tax profits for the period ended October 27 were £1.83 million against £1.61 million on a turnover up from £9.48 million to £11.25 million. The interim rises from Tempus, page 22

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Industrial price pressure on British Gas

By David Young Energy Correspondent

A call for British Gas to offer more competitive prices for industrial users has been made by Mr James McKinnon, the director general of Ofgas, the regulatory body which controls domestic gas prices.

Mr McKinnon has been a constant critic of the British Gas industrial pricing structure and was responsible for opening the gas market to new suppliers by allowing access to the British Gas national pipeline system.

He gave a clear signal that Ofgas feels the present return earned by

British Gas on some of its contract strumental in changing the rules sales is too high.

Although he has no role in fixing industrial prices - he adminsters the formula under which domestic prices are fixed each year at a rate linked to the Retail Price Index his remarks reflect growing concern among large gas users that they are paying higher prices than their European competitors.

Mr McKinnon added that if there has been no significant change in pricing by 1992 when the single European market opens, pressure will rise on on Britain's competitive position in Europe. Mr McKinnon was also in-

which now mean that British Gas can only contract to take a maximum of 90 per cent of the output of

any new North Sea gas field. Previously it insisted on taking 100 per cent, but the change in the law has led to several companies now planning to bring gas from their newest fields through new pipeline projects and sell direct to customers in industry and in the electricity generating business.

There have also been more than 100 applications from companies who want to buy gas direct from North Sea producers and use the existing British Gas network to

transport it to their plants and factories.

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Mr McKinnon said yesterday that Britain's ability to compete with its Continental neighbours will be damaged over the next five years if industry continues to have to pay too high a price for its gas

Mr McKinnon was speaking to the Chemical Industries Association - the industry is the largest industrial user of gas as well as the country's largest exporter.

He said: "It is not appropriate merely to sit back and await the arrival of gas from the Bruce and Bervl fields in 1993 and 1994 to

trigger substantial gas competition, as a way of lowering costs of the

"Pressure on British industry's competitive position will increase if, by 1992, there has been no significant downward movement in British Gas prices. Currently these are around 25p per therm to larger industrial users with many small businesses paying a consid-

erably higher price. "Those people who should know about these things tell me the price gas from the Bruce and Beryl fields is around 14p per therm. Add to that the average carriage cost as computed by Ofgas of 4p per therm and the cost of gas to an average customer will be below 20p for a

firm supply. "The overhead costs and the profit margin required by the competitor have to be added, but on the basis of the above arithmetic I can see many customers benefiting significantly when gas-to-gas

competition begins. That is why there has to be an acceleration in the pace at which that competition is introduced.

If a practical solution is not found to bridge the gap, British businessmen will find it hard to understand and even harder to

Siemens pays £1bn for 51% Nixdorf stake

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Nixdorf, the once highflying West German computer maker which nosedived into losses in 1988, has sold control to Siemens, the electronics group, for an estimated £1 billion.

The last big Siemens deal was the acquisition of Plessey, in alliance with Britain's General Electric Company (GEC).

The acquisition of a 51 per cent stake by Siemens in Nixdorf — one of the top six European computer groups ended a long fight by Nixdorf family interests to stay in-dependent. Nixdorf had tried to improve its flagging fortunes by setting up joint ventures and, eventually, by restructuring and rationalization to reduce job costs.

The deal is subject to clearspokesman for Siemens, Eu-rocketing costs in a tougher rope's biggest information market technology group, said it intended to raise the stake later.

controlled by the family and the company's management.

Nixdorf had a pre-tax loss in 1988 on normal operations of DM60 million (£21.4 million), of DM331 million the year

There have been suggestions that 1989 operating systems of Siemens, with an

lion. Yet Nixdorf had been founded in 1952 on the technical brilliance of Herr Heinz Nixdorf. The company invented the world's first electronic desk-top calculator with

Herr Klaus Luft as chief executive. He had been with the company 20 years and had been picked by Herr Nixdorf as his successor. Herr Luft had fierce competition was wrecking his profit forecasts. When Herr Luft took over

the helm, he said he wanted to double profits and treble sales by 1991. The downturn in Nixdorf's business seemed to take the Luft team by surprise. When all other major computer makers were cutting ance by competition authorities, including West Ger-Nixdorf added another 6,000 many's Cartel Office. A to its payroll, leaving it with

Nixdorf announced last £1 billion for the stake. year that 1,600 of its 31,000would comment on the acqui-sition details. Nixdorf is 25 little, too late. In the first nine per cent-owned by the Nixdorf months of last year, the comfamily, with a further 70 per pany ran up losses of nearly cent in the hands of two chari- DM500 million but they table trusts whose boards are would have been much higher if the company had not sold off property.

Herr Horst Nasko, Herr Luft's successor, began looking for outside shareholders to compared with a record profit save the company although, minority stakes.

until now, he had favoured The data and information

losses could reach DM1 bil- annual divisional turnover of about DM6.5 billion, will be merged with the Nixdorf interests to form Siemens-Nixdorf Information Systems.

Siemens, unlike some big power generating and electrical companies, has per-Nixdorf troubles led to the severed with mainstream resignation last November of computing as well as semiconductors. It operates in large and medium-size computer ranges.

Comparatively little overlap in products is claimed with been forced to concede that Nixdorf, which has concentrated on more flexible installations, especially data systems for banking, building societies and retailer point-ofsale equipment.

Nixdorf has an annual turnover of about DM5.4 billion. This, and the prospects for the joint venture as the single European market opens up and Siemens' muscle gives Nixdorf the extra financial dimension it has lacked, has led to speculation that Siemens may be paying well over

But some analysts argue such that the price tag could be lower than that.

Deutsche Bank, Nixdorf's house bank which brought it to market five years ago, had been looking for a "German" solution to the company's problems. Mannesmann, the engineering company with data processing interests, had been in the running as well as

Restructuring of the Nixdorf interests to achieve more efficiency and reduce losses

First Technology motors to £3.05m



First Technology, the car safety and design group being built up by Dr Fred Westlake, above, reports interim profits 59 per cent higher at £3.05 million. Sales rose 70 per cent to £20.6 million, but shares issued to pay for acquisitions and in its £14.7 million September 1988 cash call left earnings only 11 per cent up at 13.2p. The interim rises a fifth to 3p. Tempus, page 22

ADT bids £105m for Britannia

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

million bid for Britannia Sec- Europe. urity Group, the security and data storage group.

The terms are being recommend by the board of Britannia who floated the company on the Unlisted Securities Market in 1984 with a price tag of just £5.3 million, and who last year saw it valued at about £170 million, before the crippling rise in interest rates took its toll on profits and the

The deal will lift ADT only to second place in the British league table, since 80 per cent

ADT, Mr Michael Ashcroft's of its security systems busi- bid, Britannia shareholders cleaning and financial services ness is in North America, but are being offered offered 69 group, which is based in provides it with a powerful ADT shares for every 100 Bermuda, has launched a £105 platform for expansion in Britannia. At last night's prices - ADT closed 6.5p lower at 194.5p -

The bid comes as little they value each Britannia at surprise given both the recent 134p, or less than 12 times the downturn in the fortunes of forecast earnings for 1989-90. Britannia and world leader ADT's limited representation on this side of the Atlantic. higher at 133p.

Mr Ashcroft, who over the past three years has concentrated his acquisition programme in North America, says the security markets in which both companies operate are "fast growing" and that Britannia will "enhance ADT's position in Europe."

Under the terms of the ADT

confirm deal on financing Eurotunnel will today confirm

details of an agreement with its bankers to release more cash to keep the project going until long-term plans are finalized. The 208 banks are expected

Britannia shares closed 24p Britannia's directors and their associates are accepting the offer from ADT on behalf

of their total of 2 million These acceptances, together with the 535,000 shares already owned, gives ADT control of 3.4 per cent of

to make between £250 million and £400 million available Eurotunnel expects to raise about £1.2 billion, including a £350 million rights, by May. The agreement follows prolonged argument between

Eurotunnel to

Eurotunnel and Transmanche Link, the Anglo-French construction consortium, over final cost, expected to be about £7.3 billion, against the initial £5 billion.

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Plan for paperless King of the proxy share deals agreed battles' steps down

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

panies have finally agreed in principle on a plan to introduce a revolutionary paperiess settlement system for share deals and to abolish the fortnightly stock market

Mr Peter Rawlins, new chief executive of the ISE, said: "After a debate over many years, there is a grave dange of agreement breaking out all over to give London proper settlement arrangements that are cost-effective and as riskfree as possible."

The new settlement system will be based on the ISE's Taurus computer system, but will be handled by a new independent clearing house

The International Stock Ex-change banks and listed com-the ISE, the big banks, and the Bank of England.

The plans stem from a report by an international group aiming to improve global share trading as well as the severe administrative problems encountered in London when the number of share deals expanded after the Stock Exchange "Big Bang" in 1986. The compromise agreement

meets fears of listed com-panies that the original ISE proposals would leave them without an open share register and therefore direct two-way contact with shareholders. Under the new plan, new

of a legal share certificate.

Street "king of the proxy battles," has quit abruptly as chief executive of The Carter Organisation, the business he sold to VPI Group in Britain for \$76 million (£45.7 million)

ahead of the 1987 crash.

Meltdown Monday and its consequences meant the virtual death of the US mergers and acquisitions market from which Carter drew its strength. It contributed heavily to a disastrous set of figures from VPI Group, the public relations consultancy better

year to end-September. Pre-tax profits crashed from shareholders will be deprived £14.1 million to £6.5 million, well below City expectations, Comment, page 23 | sending the shares tumbling

Mr Donald Carter, the Wall 13p to 59p. The dividend was slashed, a final payment of

just 0.5p making a total for the year down from 3.5p to 1.6p. Mr Angus Maitland, who took over from Mr Reg Valin, the founder, as chairman in November, admitted that first-half performance had been "pretty dismal."

Mr Maitland refused to say if Mr Carter had been sacked. But he commented: "I'm not happy about the performance of the Carter Organisation. Mr Carter has been chief executive and responsible for the performance of known as Valin Pollen, for the that company.

Mr Carter will continue as chairman of the US business in a non-executive capacity. Tempus, page 22

French advertising group to take 29.9% stake

Gulliver quits chair at Broad Street

By Martin Waller

Mr James Gulliver, former chairman of the Argyll Group supermarket chain and embattled head of Lowndes Queensway, the furniture business, has quit as chairman of Broad Street Group, the public relations company he joined in

His departure comes as a result of the arrival of BDDP, the French advertising concern, as a 29.9 per cent shareholder in Broad Street, which announced a bid approach in November.

Mr Gulliver will also see his 10 per cent stake in the company whittled down to half that or less as part of a complex tender offer by BDDP. The French have bought 6.5 per cent of the company from Mr Gulliver and two other directors and launched a tender offer at 42.5p a share for enough to bring their holding to 29.9

The three directors and a fourth have

Street to satisfy the offer, if it is shunned by other shareholders. The French cash offer compares with a share price of 35p, up 1p, for Broad Street last night.

Shareholders accepting will be entitled to receive the interim dividend for the current year, payable on February 12.

BDDP made an unsuccessful offer last year for Boase Massimi Pollitt, the British advertising agency, losing to a higher offer from Omnicom Group of the US. It aims to build an international public relations business using the Broad Street name. The French will have two seats on the board, and a new nonexecutive chairman is being sought.

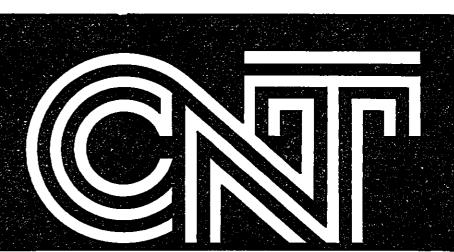
When Mr Gulliver bought into the company in December 1987 he promised to build it into an important international communications group with the support of financial backing running into "hundreds of million pounds." But the

ensuing two years were not kind to the Broad Street share price.

Mr Michael Preston, director of group development at Broad Street, denied Mr Gulliver had arrived as a rescuer. "We didn't need a rescuer when Jimmy came in. We had already done the work internally. We needed someone to get us through what we knew would be a period of adverse publicity."

He said Mr Gulliver had made "no material contribution" to Broad Street's results for the financial year starting April 1 1988, which showed something of an upturn in its fortunes, but had managed to lock in senior management and had played a "very valuable role." Mr Gulliver described his contribu-

tion as providing 'a layer of good professional management." He said Broad Street before he came had difficulty translating strong fee income into profits on the bottom line.



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serve to confirm two prejudices: the dangers inherent in acquiring US "people" busi-nesses and of changing a wellknown name to a set of

anonymous initials. It is hard not to feel sorry for Mr Angus Maitland, the new chairman and chief executive, whose first set of figures featured a profits collapse from £14.1 million to just £6.5 million in the year to end-September. As he was explaining this to his City critics the share price was dropping another 13p to 59p, compared with 270p before the acquisition of the Carter Organisation in June 1987 and 138p ahead of the first intimations of bad news from the US with the interims in June.

The Carter story from New York reads like something out of Tom Wolfe's The Bonfire of the Vanities. The mergers and acquisitions whiz-kid Don Carter sells his business to VPI for \$76 million on the crest of the Wall Street wave, the market collapses, the New York state authorities launch a tax investigation and yesterday he loses his executive post, although this has no connection with the tax

investigation. But the real sufferers have been VPI's shareholders, as the group became yet another agency to go out on a limb. Carter, after an excellent first year in the fold, probably contributed about £3.8 mil-

well, the publisher, has admit-

ted defeat in the transatlantic

battle for Monotype Corpora-

tion, two weeks after the loss-

making British typesetting

equipment maker accepted a

marginally higher offer from

King Black & Associates, the

US investment group.

lion to last year's profits, after a £500,000 increase in provisions because of the New York investigation.

But most of these earnings came in the first half, the company slipping into losses during September and few analysts looking for much more than break-even this year. The core British consultancies performed well, boosting profits by 39 per cent, but there were problems at research and productions

A worst-case scenario suggests just £3 million pre-tax this year. Any real improvement on this, meanwhile, relies heavily on an upswing in the Wall Street mergers and acquisitions market which looks unlikely at this stage. The shares are therefore probably selling on a multiple of 13 times, with a prospective dividend yield of 2.7 per cent. Any rescuer is unlikely to be tempted in at this price. Best

Bespak

Maxwell's Fifth Wave

loses bid for Monotype

Fifth Wave Technology, through Headington Invest-owned by Mr Robert Max-ments, bought his stake

Mr Maxwell, who holds unsolicited bid made by Mr

7.38 per cent of Monotype Maxwell, its biggest customer.

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Increasingly tough safety conditions associated with pharmaceutical products, coupled with intense proving of new specialist equipment, cost Bespak at least one point on margins in the six months ended October 27.

The growth in pre-tax profits was only from £1.61 million to £1.83 million on sales that rose by 19 per cent to

ments, bought his stake immediately after the agreed

KBA deal was announced in

November, sending the shares

up 40 per cent. Yesterday they

The KBA deal values

Monotype, now to leave the

stock market, at £34.2 million,

fell 2p to 158p.



£11.25 million. So, whereas £4.5 million had been expected for the full year, sights have been lowered to £4

profits growth should resume next year as the benefits of increased research and development expenditure come through and as the product and geographial base is ex-panded further.

Bespak's more satisfactory supply agreement with Glaxo

Facing City critics: Augus Maitland of VPI yesterday - which is already responsible for nearly 50 per cent of its business - and further

penetration in the US suggest None the less, the pace of at pre-tax profits of £5.5 rofits growth should resume million in 1991. The US/Britain manufacturing and sales split is now

25-75 and, although the really exciting opportunities lie across the Atlantic, more ground work is needed before any significant change in the geographical mix becomes

Bespak looks well placed to develop a drug for the treatment of glaucoma and the problems associated could soon be fully overcome.

The interim dividend rises from 2.25p to 2.6p, payable on February 23, and bearing in mind R&D spending, a total dividend of 6p should be

At 342p, the shares trade on 17.4 times prospective earnings and are well up with events. However, they can still be usefully retained in a portfolio which is structured for the medium term.

First Technology

First Technology is one of the more interesting of the smaller stocks to survive the shakeout that rocked the electricals sector in the mid-eighties. It is unusual because it is a

hybrid. One the one hand, it resembles the sort of oneproduct company which tended to come spectacularly unstuck at that time. But it also shares some of the features of the financially-driven mini-conglomerates which do not care what sort of business they are in as long as the numbers stack up. First's key product is an inertia switch used to cut out a car's fuel supply in the event of a crash.

Limit passes for details on Bond deal financing

Scepticism increases as

risen dramatically with the spread of fuel-injection systems which, in turn, have become popular to offset the

loss of power when emission control equipment is fitted. Ford fits all its cars in the US with this device, which automatically gives First a 25

per cent share of the market. But the company has used this base to buy its way into quite different sorts of activity in the automotive field. Two acquisitions have given it 98 per cent of the world market for crash dummies and it also has interests in car design, computer fire detection and aircraft fire extinguishers.

These are all rapidly-growing areas, but the company is a minnow by comparison with its customers, the big car makers. Dr Fred Westlake, First's chairman, recognizes that further acquisitions will be needed to get up to size

Profits rose by three-fifths to £3.05 million in the first half, but earnings were only 11 per cent ahead at 13.2p because of the £14.7 million rights issue at the end of 1988. Analysts expect profits of £7.5 million in the full year and a similar rise in earnings to 32.5p, well below the 25 per cent annual average of the past five years. That would leave the shares, at 500p, on a prospective p/e ratio of 15, a reply in the event of a crash. reflection of the growing in-These were unknown a terest in automotive safety.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

over by Citygrove

Citygrove, the property developer best known for its out-of-town retail developments, is buying Circa Leisure, an operator of leisure and fitness centres, for £2.69 million, the majority in the form of deferred consideration. It is paying £390,000 initially for 75 per cent of the group and another £2 million dependent on profits, after tax, of £1.57 million by

Citygrove has a four-year option on a further 20 per cent of Circa for £300,000 cash, the balance of the company staying with the management. Circa has its roots in one of the first ement buyouts of a local authority's leisure facility, in Kent, in 1988. It has expanded since to manage other local council leisure departments and expects to pick up further work following the recent requirement for compulsory competitive tendering.

No referral for Thames

The proposed purchase by Thames Television of Reeves punications Corporation, the New York-based television production company, is not to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. In December, Thames Television said that it planued to buy Reeves Communications Corpora-tion for nearly \$90 million

Profit reverse at AG Barr

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AG Barr, the Glasgow soft drinks group, saw its pre-tax profits slip by £383,000 to £2.94 million in the year to October 28 after reorganiza-tion at two of its Midlands factories disrupted production. Sales improved by £15.4 million to £88.5 million. A final dividend of 9.75p makes an wachang total of 13p on earnings per

Cowan falls £112,000

Cowan de Groot, the kitchen hardware and toy distribu has suffered a £112,000 drop in pre-tax profits to £1.04 million for its half-year to October. Mr Jonathan Samuelson, chairman, blamed slumping consumer spending for the profits setback. Group turnover, in a period when the D Dekker outdoor sportswear business was disposed of, fell by 9 per cent to £17.9 million.

The company is to extend its hardware interests in a £1.06 million acquisition of Harper Lee, an independent London wholesaler which made profits of £125,000 in its last trading year to February. There is an unchanged interim dividend of 1.25p on 4 per cent lower earnings per share of 2.4p.

Sidney Banks Alexanders up to £1.2m Sidney Banks, the Bedford-

sire grain and agricultural merchant, lifted pre-tax profits by 12.8 per cent to £1.23 million in the half-year to-end October, on terrover up 20.3 per cent et £741 up 20.3 per cent at £74.1 million. Earnings per share rose from 10.6p to 11.6p, and the interim dividend is improved from 2.125p to 2.5p.The shares strengthened by 8p to 163p.

edges ahead Alexanders Holdings, Scot-land's largest Ford dealer,

increased pre-tax profits by 4 per cent to £1.81 million in the year to end-September. The dividend remains at 1p. Sales fell by 5 per cent to £80.3 million, due to prob-lems obtaining cars to supply the contract rental division. increase profits by opening a

GEI negotiates £5.8m purchases abroad

GEI International, the packaging machinery and engineering products group, has acquired the Belgian company, Ateliers Ed Courtey BVBA and the Swiss group, Oskar Krieger Maschinen and Metalliban for a total of £5.8 million. Both design and make processing machines for the pharmaceutical industry, while Courtoy also has a strong customer base in the

chemical and food processing industry.

Courtoy, acquired for BF265 million (£4.6 million), made pre-tax profits of BF38 million in 1988, on sales of BF247 million. Krieger, acquired for SFR2.9 million (£1.2 million), made pre-tax profits of about SFR262,000 in 1988 on turnover of SFR3.1 million.

Alexander to sell loss-maker

By Philip Pangalos

Walter Alexander, the Scottish industrial holdings group with interests which range from coachbuilding to home prod-ucts, is selling its loss-making Slumberdown quilts subsidiary to Rabatz for £1.75

Last October, the company, which had received a number of bid approaches, said that it was looking for buyers for part or all of the businesses. At the time the shares soared from 115p to 146p.

The company said the sale will benefit it by the removal of a loss-making operation as well as provide the opportunity to reduce borrowings.

It would also make Walter Alexander more attractive to the parties with whom discussions are at an advanced

A further announcement in respect of these discussions is expected very shortly. Alexander's shares lost 12p to 121p



Reynolds rescue bid for Mr Alan Bond's Bond Corporation mounted yesterday when the Texas businessman missed his own deadline for providing details of how the deal will be financed.

Mr Reynolds, speaking from Dallas, said he hoped to announce a new package over-night in the US. "I'm very disappointed that we haven t got anything today, but I'm confident that it is going to be worked out."

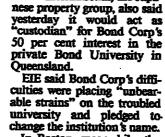
He said he had talked on Tuesday with Mr Mark Barn-aba, Mr Bond's executive assistant, about plans to fly to Australia next week to meet officials of the Bond group.

But Mr Barnaba yesterday denied having had discussions with Mr Reynolds in the last five or six days and said no (£120 million) of equity into ary 22, 1991.



meetings would be scheduled until the mysterious Texan "come up with some evidence" of his financing capability.

Mr Reynolds has claimed that Shearson Lehman Hutton, the US investment bank, is advising him on proposals Bond Brewing Holdings Ltd's to inject Aus\$250 million zero coupon notes due Janu-



refinance the bulk of its Aus\$6

billion borrowings. But Shear-

son Lehman said yesterday it

EIE International, the Japa-

had no firm arrangemen

with Mr Reynolds.

In Boston, meanwhile, the Bank of Boston Corp's First National Bank of Boston said it has received payment on a sight draft submitted to National Australian Bank Ltd that would permit payment on

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Sid sceptical over switch

to paperless trading

standably become cynical about

exciting new developments on

the Stock Exchange, especially tech-

nical ones. Big Bang, computerized

dealing and one-stop financial institu-

tions all seemed designed to do away

with the Exchange's forbiddingly exclu-

sive image and service the recovery and

explosion in private share ownership

brought by the Government's

privatization programme. Yet, in prac-

tice, most of the changes seem to have

worked the other way, converting the

small man into an expensive burden

who must pay for the administrative

nuisance of owning and trading in

uneconomically small parcels of shares.

only brokerage services. But the brave

new world of dealing cheaply and simply on the basis of known prices,

from a bank branch if not from the

home, has not materialized in anything

like the way it was hyped. Apart from

privatizations, most small investors

may feel they have been pushed more

in the direction of collective invest-

ment. Even the Government's initia-

tive of personal equity plans, aimed at

bringing small investors closer to

individual companies, has worked the

opposite way because of administrative

paperless share transactions, which

would have abolished meaningful

share registers as well as share certifi-

cates, were geared to global institu-

tional securities trading. The

compromise plans agreed after com-

plaints by companies are a big

improvement. Investors will still not

have a legal document marking their

shareholding. But they can at least have

a piece of paper and a choice between

holding a share account through a

The Exchange's original plans for

There are important exceptions, such as the emergence of execution-

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Profit reverse at AG Barr AG Barr, the Glasgon sate profits slip by £383,000 to £2.94 million in the leat to family 28 after response. 62.94 million in the lear a tion at two of its Midday

factories disrupted produc tion. Sales improved by Fig. A final dividend of 9.75p makes an unchanged total of 13p on earnings in share of 32.2p (37.7p). hardware and too distribute, p in pre-122 profits to flat

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ober, Mr. Jonathan Samelsa consumer spending for the

Alexanders edges ahead

Alexanders Holdings, Son land's largest Ford desk increased pre-tax profits by the year to end-September. The dividend remains at in Sales fell by 5 per cem a 280.5 million, due to pretlems obtaining cars to supply the contract rental division The company managed a increase profits by opening a

lates £5.8m abroad

ting machinery and engineerin the Belgion company, Ateler Swiss group, Oskar Kriege er a tozal of £5.5 million. Both eachines for the pharmacerical as a strong obstancebase in the industry.

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North West and Wessex Markheath Securities 'to meet profit forecasts'

North West Water and Wes- draws its main supplies from privatization, were £81.3 mil- Eaux, which owns 29.9 per sex Water shrugged off the Lake District reservoirs - said lion, or 22.8p per share. effects. of drought, despite the absence of restrictions last fears of potential shortages in year "says a lot for the the South and East of England increasing robustness of our Wessex draws 80 per cent of

most affected by prolonged

low rainfall. But Mr Colin

be no need for water restric-

He said Wessex was rein-

Mr Dennis Grove, chair-

Arbuthnot

poised for

a US bank for £50 million to

NZI, the New Zealand in-

surance group owned by Gen-

eral Accident. says it is still

talking to a number of buyers,

and has signed confidentiality

agreements with them. But

negotiations have now fo

cussed on one American in-

Wassall offer

Wassall has declared its £51

million cash and share bid for

Metal Closures final and has

extended it to January 24.

Wassali's terms are now worth

200p per share, against its cash

alternative of 160p. Wassall

bought in the market at 200p

but added less than 2 per cent

to the 30.6 per cent for which

Grendon delay

Grendon Trust, an offshoot of

Charterhouse the merchant

bank, has been adjourned to

February 7 to allow more time

for talks with dissident stock-

holders who oppose the pro-

posed scheme to buy back an

11 per cent stock issue at 18p

A Centre for Economic Perfor-

mance is to be set up at the

London School of Economics.

Based on the Centre for

Labour Economics it will

explore why some firms op-

in the pound.

LSE study

The stockholders meeting at

it already had acceptances.

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£60 million.

forcing its network by re-

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distribution systems." its supplies from underground Both companies, in line forma earnings were £27.6 sources, which have been with other privatized water million, or 26.9p per share. groups, said they were confident of meeting prospectus Skellett, managing director, said, as in 1989, there would pre-tax profit forecasts - £70 million for North West and £25 million for Wessex — on the basis of their results for the six months to end-September.

North West reported inarranging investment plans to terim pre-tax profits of £15.1 bring forward more than 50 million, before £4.3 million of costs. Pro forma earnings, adjusted for debt write-offs

cent of the capital of Bristol Wessex recorded pre-tax Waterworks, the private water profits of £8.8 million before company that supplies about extraordinary privatization costs of £3.3 million. Pro 40 per cent of the water in the Wessex sewerage area. Wessex, Bristol, CGE and Lyonnaise, which owns 13 per cent Wessex said it expected to of Bristol, are all thought to have considered the possib-

Mr Grove said North West

North West shares fell 4p to

Shares in Robert Horne shot

up 100p to 350p when the

group disclosed a takenver

approach for the Horne family

controlling interest which may

lead to a full bid for the whole

The strong market sus-

pected a Dutch takeover bid

was in the offing and slapped a further £22 million on to the

value of the paper merchant, chaired by Sir Kenneth Berrill, valuing the company at more than £92 million.

On the Amsterdam bourse

yesterday it was widely felt by

traders that the bid move had

been made by Buehrmann

aunouncement of Robert

Horne's results for the year to

September, with pre-tax profits slipping to £15.01 million.

3i, the Venture capital

reholder in Robert Horne,

group, is the only other major

with an 8 per cent stake, and a

spokesman said it was likely

to follow its normal policy of waiting for a lead from the

making a move in a possible

Sir Kenneth Berrill, com-

menting on the company's performance, said the core

paper merchanting business

had shown satisfactory pro-

gress with a 10.2 per cent rise

The overall profits stand-

still was largely due to the costly diversification into of-

Group turnover increased

from £187.5 million to £215

million, helped by a 6 per cent

The final dividend is 6p,

making 8.5p (8.25p), on earn-

ings per share of 29.3p

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rise in paper prices.

have talks soon with Compagnie Lyonnaise des Eaux, ility of closer links. the French group that bought a 6 per cent stake. It has had no plans for joint ventures welcomed Lyonnaise as a big with outside engineering conshareholder. But Mr Skellett sultancies because it had alsuggested Wessex might not ready built up the largest be keen to bid for local engineering resources of any authority waste disposal conformer authority. miles of new mains in case of extraordinary privatization tracts. "Margins seem to be

very tight" he said. 153p and Wessex 4.5p to Wessex is a rumoured target 164.5p as water shares reman of North West - which and cash injections linked to of Compagnie Générale des treated on the stock market.

Securities set to raise £45m

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By Jeremy Andrews

Markheath Securities, the property trader with a portfolio of developments in north and west London, is to raise £45 million via a placing and open offer which will double its issued capital.

The cash raising is being supported by Adsteam UK the British vehicle of Mr John Spaivins, the Australian entrepreneur, which holds almost 50 per cent of the equity, and the balance has been conditionally placed with Howard Smith, a listed Australian industrial company linked to Adsteam,

The announcement immediately prompted spec-ulation that Markheath is about to launch a bid for one of the two quoted companies in which it has disclosable

Shares in Frogmore Estates rose 7p to 459p at one stage, before sinking back to 455p, and Camford Engineering finished 10p higher at 253p. However, Mr Paul Bobroff,

Markheath's managing director, said that it would not be right for him to fuel speculation one way or another about his intentions. Existing holders will be

offered the balance on a one for one basis at 75p, compared with a market price of 82p. Markheath's directors, who hold a combined 14 per cent stake, intend to take up their entitlements "as far as individual financial circumstances permit."

The news accompanied The move coincided with the Markheath's results for the half-year to September which showed pre-tax profits 14 per cent up at £4.31 million on turnover 12 per cent lower at £14 million. Earnings per share rose 18 per cent to 4.76p and an interim dividend of 2p is proposed.

> The proceeds will substantially cut Markheath's balance sheet gearing. At present its debts of £70 million stand in excess of net assets at £55 million.

> But by the year-end in March, Mr Bobroff expects net debt to be only one-fifth of shareholders' funds. Markheath's main project is

> the £50 million Fountains Office Park at Brentford in Middlesex, being developed jointly with Adsteam. Analysts see the move as the

first of a series of expected rights issues by the developer/trader class of property companies, which need funds to finance the developments which they are finding increasingly difficult

rivate investors have under- broker or bank (at as yet unknown cost) or through an account run by the

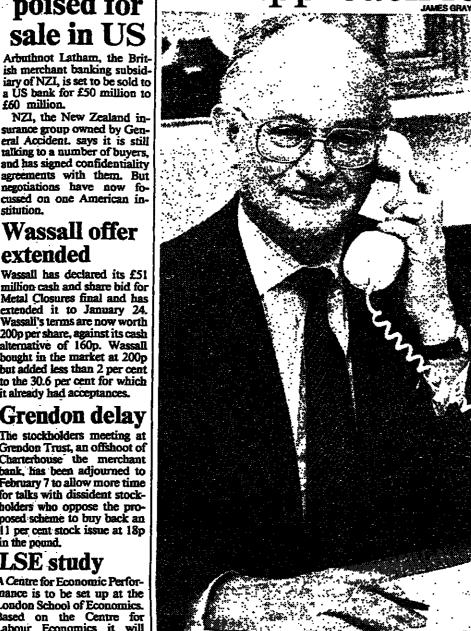
> company at its own expense. Companies will have rapid access to the commercially held share accounts again the cost is not yet known. But public access to a share register is likely to be much more restricted or costly, so it may be much harder for shareholders to promote democracy by contacting each other.

> The Stock Exchange dealing account is an anachronism in terms of international institutional trading, though it has been a boon to small private speculators who can buy and sell cheaply within the period and may have oiled the market for shares in smaller companies. Eventual movement to a three day settlement - too short a time to post and clear a cheque - will again push small investors into maintaining accounts with banks or

brokers prepared to cater for them. In theory, there should be big compensating benefits to having an accessible computerized share account on the lines of a bank account. Share dealing could become a more routine affair. It should also be cheaper if the disporportionate expense of shuffling paper for small deals is removed.

Most small investors, sadly, will believe it only when they see it. A new opinion survey by Burson-Marsteller and the international federation of stock exchanges finds that most companies and fund managers (and even a large minority of Exchange officials) think the stock exchanges do not actively encourage the small investor. That is hardly surprising. Companies and the Government want more loyal small shareholders: the securities industry is interested in trading volume, which is unlikely to be supplied by the patronised Aunt Agatha or the dismissively despised Sid.

Bid approach for Horne





Going Dutch? Sir Kenneth Berrill, chairman, yesterday (30.1p).

Battle-scarred Eurotunnel

ong-suffering Eurotunnel shareholders will be hoping that today's accord with bankers marks a final outbreak of peace between the warring factions involved with the cross-channel link. In the short run at least, this may prove to be an over-optimistic hope. It is now clear that the divisions

between Eurotunnel and its contractor. Transmanche Link, have been altogether too profound to be bridged by mere negotiation. The clean and swift resolution that the City has been led to expect has not materialized. TML has won concessions from Eurotunnel and has sufficient confidence in the merit of its other claims to submit them to arbitration.

Eurotunnel, on the other hand, has been confident that these disputed sums would be settled by now in time for what should have been a straightforward, if time-consuming, process of reaching detailed agreement with the bankers on the next round of financing.

The problem for Eurotunnel shareholders is that arbitration can go either way. If the finding is adverse, it will affect the value of their equity interest. Ahead of today's details, there is also some suspicion that part of the sums disputed by TML and Eurotunnel may, in fact, have been conceded by making bonus payments for meeting construction targets rather easier to win.

The flip side of these remaining concerns is that the doom-laden forecasts, that the project was so adrift financially that the banks were about to take over, have been exposed as absurd. Eurotunnel has won a victory today, but not without battle scars.

BAe continues hard line over strikers

By Tim Jones and Harvey Elliott

British Aerospace continues to Chester plant, where wings for lic limited company, I suspect the world were last night insist it will not negotiate with Airbus models are made, is we would ask ourselves if we drawing up detailed contin-striking employees until they continuing after BAe's refusal should keep all wing productions to reduce the striking employees until they return to work, as thousands of workers on the Continent involved on the European Airbus project face being laid off because of the dispute over a shorter working week.

The response came as Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, predicted the dispute could spread throughout louse, France, would halt next serious competitor to Boeing. of the Amalgamated Engineer-

The strike, at the company's He said: "If we were a pub-

tion in the working week to 37 hours, in return for changes in working practices, until the men return to work.

M Jean Pierson, Airbus warning that unless the strike is resolved production at the

to negotiate a two-hour reduction at one plant. If you have a turbulent plant in a multinational group, you usually consider shutting it down."

The strike, which is also affecting the company's plants managing director, has given at Preston and Kingstonupon-Thames could not have come at a worse time for

Dozens of airlines around

gency plans to reduce the number of flights planned for later this year or to hold on to older, noisier aircraft they had hoped to sell as they took delivery of the new Airbus

All 87 airlines with Airbuses on order have been warned that they could face long delays in the planned delivery of new aircraft because of the

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Geoff steals

Graeme Seabrook, chief exec-

come the first food retailer to

win County NatWest Wood-

Mac's Retailer of the Year

award. But it was runner-up

Geoff Mukahy, chief exec-utive of Kingfisher, who was

in the limelight at the awards

London Club last night. For,

according to County's retail

the show

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cent - the firm was struggling 10 hold on to 2 per cent last autumn. That figure has now halved to about I per cent. Just when you thought yappies were a dying breed they are making a nck. But this time around they have gone green— and are being called Gruppies.

Uphill work for

Hammering another nail into Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers' coffin, Hill Samuel, the bluechip British merchant bank now owned by the TSB, has deleted CSV from the 1990 list of broking houses that its fund managers are permitted to use - because of CSV's uncertain future. Hill Samuel, which has about £16 billion of funds under its management, ranks among the top 10 fund management groups in Britain. It is understood to have delivered its damaging blow on Tuesday, adding, by way of a comforter to the firm's senior managers, that it was "nothing personal." Such lists are kept

by most of the big fund management groups, are up-dated annually, and their employees are not allowed to deviate from them. "It is definitely a disaster for Citicorp Stringeour Vickers," said one seasoned market source when he heard the news. "It's a bit like going from Triple A to Double A in terms of credit rating." Meanwhile sources within CSV reveal that its share of the UK equity market has "collapsed." Reputed to be approaching 6 per cent in early 1989 — James Capel leads the field with about 6 per



ast come, last served

are too many UK equity nate amount of interest in a analysts in the City? At the results briefing for First Technology — "Who?," you might well ask — the three financial more than 1,000 shares at a state of the company capitalized at £75 million and in which investors would be hard pressed to buy journalists present were forced For all 27 of the others were already occupied by a motley collection of analysts, who

time. But perhaps they have to grab the last sents available. discovered a way for stockbrokers to make money, of which we ordinary mortals are

Downe not out

News of the boardroom reshuffle at Broad Street, the City PR firm run by Brian ham, which coincided with the announcement of BDDP's 29.9 per cent stake in the group, came as just as much of a surprise to Justin Downes, founder of the group's biggest financial PR



subsidiary - Financial Dynamics - as it did to the rest of the world. For as part of the reshuffle, Tony Knox, who was brought into the then independent Financial Dynamics by Downes three years ago - after the tragic death in a car accident of his original partner Charles Piggott - has been given a seat on the main Broad Street board. "I have got nothing against Tony but I was under the impression that he and I were going to have an alternating seat on the board," Downes admits. "So was he. I suppose this is tantamount to telling me that I no longer have a role within the group. Perhaps they do not like my forthright style." Having sold Financial Dynamics to Broad Street for up to £7 million, 18 months ago, Downes who, in the process, turned several of his employees into wealthy individuals, stands to pocket

conclusion in July 1991.

analyst John Richards, when the votes from fund managers, analysts and fellow retailers first started to roll in, 'Mulcahy was not anywhere. But because of the high profile he has had throughout the Dixons bid, it ended up being a very close finish. It was perhaps a bit over-the-top though to make a bid for

Dixons just to win our award," Richards jested. In the end Seabrook got 14 per cent of the vote and Mulcahy 12.9 per cent. And Stanley Kalms of Dixons did not come anywhere. "He did come seventh or eighth once, back in 1985," said Richards. Seabrook was presented with a framed chart of Kwik Save's share price performance and a special award was given to Mukahy, in recognition of the many occasions in which he has come second or third. "Kingfisher has been a quiet success story and all credit to Geoff Mulcahy for it," Richards said. His award? A Dixons' own-brand - Saisho personal stereo. "It was beyond our powers to buy him the company but we could manage a product," Richards about £2 million when his earn-out agreement reaches its

Carol Leonard

Hoylake bid boosts legal 'league table' for takeover advice

Linklaters & Paines emerged as the top firm of solicitors advising companies on British bids in 1989, representing 27 companies in deals worth a total £31.49 billion.

Hoylake's £13.4 billion bid for BAT greatly inflated several firms' positions on the table, most noticeably Simmons & Simmons and Berwin & Co which appeared in fourth and fifth positions in an Acquisitions Monthly survey.

Without this bid, they would have been 14th and 15th, knocking McKenna and Co and Nabarro Nathanson off the table completely.

Linklaters and Herbert Smith, in second place, also had the Hoylake bid for BAT included in their rankings.

Subtracting the £13.4 billion from both firms' results however still leaves Linklaters, which has 44 partners in the mergers and acquisitions department, in top position, £500 million ahead of Freshfields which would move into second place well ahead of Herbert Smith.

Linklaters's clients included Minorco in its failed bid for Consolidated Goldfields, Piessey which fell to GEC, and Pearl which was taken by AMP. Freshfields appeared on the other side of all these bids.

Herbert Smith acted for BAT against Hoylake, William Collins against News International and De La Rue

LAWYERS M & A LEAGUE TABLE

Jai	nuary 1989 - December 1989 R	anked by value of	takeover
Le	gal adviser	No of deals	Value £
1	Linklaters & Paines	27	31,49
2	Herbert Smith	21	22,10
3	Freshfields	22	17,60
4	Simmons & Simmons	7	14,57
5	Linklaters & Paines Herbert Smith Freshfields Simmons & Simmons Berwin (S J) & Co Ciffford Chance Slaughter & May Norton Rose Gouldens Ashuret Morris Criep	5	14,17
6	Clifford Chance	37	8,20
7	Slaughter & May	32	6,91
8	Norton Rose	17	5,19
9	Gouldens	7	3,61
	Ashurst Morris Crisp	13	3 44
11	Travers Smith Braithwaite	6	2.23
12	Lovell White Durrant	13	2,20
13	Allen & Overy	16	1.81
14	McKenna & Čo	6	70
<u> 15</u>	Nabarro Nathanson	8	2,23 2,20 1,81 70 58

This table is based on completed and failed takeover bids for UK public companies. Source: Acquisitions Monthly

firms in the M&A sector is firmly recognized and they seem to have cornered the market in mega-bids," accord-Acquisitions Monthly editor.

Indeed, of the 11 bids in 1989 worth more than £1 billion, there was only one instance - that of Ford's £1.4 billion offer for Jaguar where one of the top three firms did not feature.

In the rankings based on the Chance and Slaughter & May came first and second, fol-lowed by Linklaters, Freshfields and Herbert Smith.

Several of the top ranking firms said that unless the client was already on their books, most of the work was referred to them by merchant "The prowess of the top also usually recommend a original firm Berwin.

public relations firm when there is a hostile takeover.

Unlike merchant banks however, legal firms do not win a success fee if their client is victorious. Lawyers at Linklaters and Freshfields, for example, are on the "lock-step system" where extra money comes from promotion and seniority.

Success or failure is usually reflected in the bill presented at the completion of a deal and once again depends if the service to the client is on-going or one-off.

Some clients switch lawyers who specialize in M&A work they are involved in a takeover, for example one source said Beecham and Hoylake retained Linklaters for that reason. However, banks which coincidentially Hoylake also depended on its

Corp and the unions at its board meeting on January 25.
United Airlines subsidiary are Such recapitalization might be expected to renew efforts towards a <u>management-em</u>ployee buyout after workers opposed the board's decision for recapitalization,

Monday it would study recapitalization in response to pressure to increase share-holder value from Coniston domestic US airline, said they Partners, an 11.8 per cent New opposed recapitalization. Mr York investment group share- Frederick Dubinsky, chair- to expand into Europe and the

From James Bone, New York The management of UAL present a proposal at its next used to raise cash for a special payment to shareholders, while leaving UAL with a heavier debt burden.

UAL soared more than \$7 The UAL board said on to \$164 a share in response to

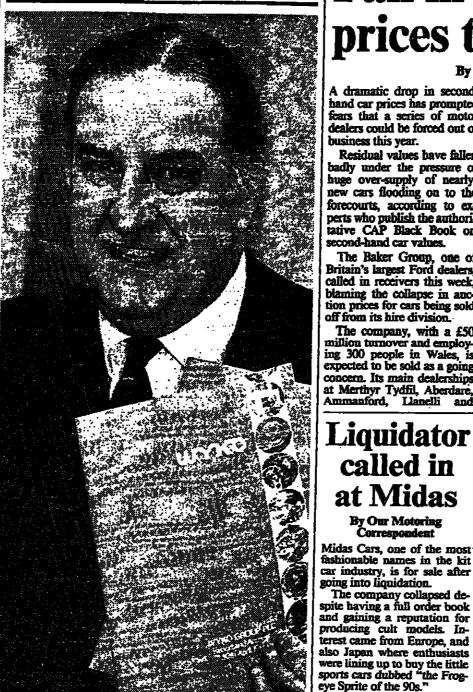
But two of the three main holder. The company plans to man of the pilots union at Pacific rim.

United, said his members favoured employee-majority ownership of UAL. "We are strongly opposed to any restructuring which results in substantial indebtedness and little or no employee ownership," he added.

Analysts said that a recapitalization could jeopardise plans to expand routes and buy aircraft. It has about 500 on order or under option, and recently announced plans

Earnings per share, adjusted for July's rights issue, rise from 4.12p to 4.51p and the interim dividend is up from 1.25p to 1.4p.

Profits up at £1.53m



Better next time: Philip White, Wyko chairman, yesterday

Wyko jumps 24%

of bearing and power transpre-tax profits 24.2 per cent to £1.53 million in the six months to end-October, on sales up 25.8 per cent at £23.7 million (writes Philip Pangalos).

Trading profits from its

Wyko Group, the USM- climbed 18 per cent quoted maker and distributor £540,000, on turnover un £540,000, on turnover up 16 per cent to £8.99 million, but manufacturing moved ahead only a modest 5 per cent to

£405,000, on turnover up 19 per cent to £6.81 million. Large contracts have yet to be eted, and the full impact last July's acquisitions should ensure a strong performance next time.

On the international side interim profits jumped 50 per cent to £589,000, on turnover British distribution division up 47 per cent at £7.93 million.

Fall in second-hand car prices threatens dealers

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

A dramatic drop in second- Haverfordwest, continue to trade at a profit. hand car prices has prompted. fears that a series of motor dealers could be forced out of

business this year. Residual values have fallen badly under the pressure of huge over-supply of nearty- bear for the business, which new cars flooding on to the forecourts, according to ex- by wheelwright William Henperts who publish the authori- ry Baker 76 years ago. tative CAP Black Book on second-hand car values.

The Baker Group, one of Britain's largest Ford dealers. called in receivers this week blaming the collapse in anction prices for cars being sold off from its hire division.

The company, with a £50 million turnover and employing 300 people in Wales, is expected to be sold as a going concern. Its main dealerships at Merthyr Tydfil, Aberdare, Ammanford, Llanelli and

Liquidator

called in

at Midas

By Our Motoring

However, the twin prob-

lems of high interest rates and the downward spiral of prices for used cars from its hire division were too much to was opened in Merthyr Tydfil

The group's problems un-derline the crisis in the second-hand car business as the forecourts are flooded with nearly new cars from hire and

Mr Wally Hill, CAP managing director, says the booming market of the last two years, plus manufacturers' need to produce high volumes, has led to a number of "cut-price" deals with hire fleets.

However, the rental fleets have been turning cars out to

the second-hand trade after as little as 12 weeks with only a few thousand miles on the clock, leading to severely de-

pressed prices. Mr Hill said: "There are yards full of F-registered and even G-registration cars. There is just far too much over-supply as a result of manufacturers needing to move metal over the last two

"The market cannot take it and will need to level out a lot before prices can even out

Some dealers have been making "distress" sales on some late year models to get cars off their forecourt, but the industry will be unable to sustain that situation throughout the year, raising fears that many more dealers may go to

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Agreement on spare parts deal

Brussels ends Ford copyright action

From Michael Binyon, Brussels

closing proceedings against the Ford Motor Company because it is satisfied a deal reached in Britain on the sale of spare parts protected both the car manufacturer and

The Commission decision yesterday follows 1988 legislawere lining up to buy the little sports cars dubbed "the Frog-eye Sprite of the 90s." tion in Britain which prevents car manufacturers claiming However, the business was copyright protection for car body panels or registering new unable to recover from £150,000 worth of damage caused by a fire last year at the

Replacement panels can company's factory in Corby, now be manufactured by any Northamptonshire. company, but Ford wanted to Mr Harold Dermott, the keep copyright on panels reg-istered before the new law managing director who spent 10 years building the comuntil a 15-year term had pany, was forced to call in expired. liquidators and dismiss the dozen staff, mostly craftsmen

building the fibre glass Midas coupés by hand. The sale is being handled by Bulley Davey, of Peter-

Before the fire, the future looked bright for Midas with a new model, a 120 mph convertible, winning enthusiastic reviews at its first showing on the European motor show

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the copyright period to no more than five years. The Commission is now atisfied that by 1995 or

before, the market for replaceentirely free. The decision is an im-portant marker in defining the dependent panel makers little competing claims of both a opening in the market in the

manufacturer to protect its short and medium-term.

The European Commission is rights and the need to open up markets to competition.

The case dates from 1985. when independent British panel manufacturers appealed to Brussels to ban Ford's attempt to maintain a monopoly on spare parts.

The issue was a tricky case for EC competition policy. Brussels has, for the past five years, required car dealers to open up the market by stocking and selling spare parts from independent manufacturers, as long as they were of

matching quality. But the Commission recognized that Ford and other manufacturers had their own interests to protect. During the five-year investigation, Ford Ford has given Brussels an co-operated closely with the undertaking that it will reduce

Commission in looking into the issue. The British Copyright Designs and Patents Act removed most of the barriers to competition, but by allowing ment panels in Britain will be Ford to enforce a ban on earlier designs for up to 15 years, it effectively gave in-

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Kleenoff business

By Philip Pangalos

Jeyes Group, the USM manufacturer of household cleaning and health products, including Parazone and Wet Ones, has acquired the Kleenoff business from Bale & Church for about £1.3 million in cash.

This is the first purchase for Jeyes since last month's £7.1 million rights issue, which had a 97 per cent take-up, to raise funds for acquisitions.

Bale operates from Crawley, Sussex and manufactures household products sold through grocery and hardware outlets, mainly in Britain, under a variety of trade names with the Kleenoff range accounting for about 90 per

Bale made a pre-tax loss of £2,800 in the year to end-June 1989 on a turnover of £1.66 million, with consolidated net assets of £32,000.

Mr Jimmy Moir, Jeyes's managing director, said that the Kleenoff range of products represented a natural extension to Jeyes's range. He added that a number of

significant market opportunities presented themselves as a result of this acquisition, both in terms of distribution gains and new product development

The shares firmed by 5p to 305p on the news.

Jeyes pays | No crystal-clear answer at Waterford

High labour costs, low output and

heavy indebtedness are among problems facing anyone who is thinking of a rescue package for the troubled Irish group - such as Tony O'Reilly of HJ Heinz.

Melinda Wittstock reports

short or particularly clear-cut stake. process for anyone brave enough to lend a helping hand.

Waterford has never failed to disappoint its shareholders, despite a lifesaving 1986 merger with the Wedgwood china group. Hopes of a quick change of fortune at the group, one of the Republic's largest employers, evaporated long ago as the extent of its problems - high labour costs, low productivity, heavy in-debtedness and serious mismanagement - first became clear to the company's des-

pondent investors. Sources close to Waterford Wedgwood say it will take at least three years to turn it around, even with the active help of Mr Tony O'Reilly, the chairman of HJ Heinz, the US food group whose Irish holding company, Fitzwilton.

Picking up the shards of has offered Waterford a muchshattered hopes at Waterford needed Ir£70 million (£66.5 Glass, the Irish handmade million) capital injection in crystal producer, will not be a return for a 29.9 per cent

If Mr O'Reilly comes to the rescue, only after what analysts expect to be lengthy due diligence investigations, the former Irish international rugby winger will be faced with an uphill struggle to exploit the internationally-recognized Waterford brand name. Waterford Wedgwood,

which last month warned its shareholders of a "significant" pre-tax loss for 1989, given staggering interest payments on its Ir£135 million debt and an unexpected downturn in US demand, now faces yet another protracted battle with its crystal workers. On Monday, they dealt the

company another shattering

blow by unanimously rejecting another management costcutting initiative just six Ir40p.
months after the imposition of Tho



a two-year wage freeze and the agement told the union the temporary ending of company pension contributions.

The 2,000-strong staff rejected demands for longer working hours, smaller bonuses and 250 redundancies amongst its contract staff just hours after it emerged that Mr O'Reilly, backed by wealthy US and Canadian investors in Fitzwilton, had begun negotia-tions to take a stake at under

Though the Waterford man-

Tony O'Reilly: keen on both world-famous brand names cost-cutting package would enable it to report Ir£10 million pre-tax profits in 1990, analysts yesterday described such hopes as "far-fetched" and "dubious."

Waterford Wedgwood heading for a 1989 post-tax loss of up to Ir£25 million would be lucky to turn in a 1990 post-tax loss of Ir£6 million after interest charges ex-pected to total Ir£18 million. Aithough Waterford has

Mr Watson said Wedg-

at the time.

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threatened the strong Irish union with job losses should

the workers not capitulate,

Goodbody James Capel, the

Irish broker, said there is little

scope for further job cuts. Mr

Dick Watson, of Goodbody, said: "In 1987, Waterford cut

its staff from 3,000 to 2,000

with a Ir£50 million redun-

dancy package, but the com-

pany unexpectedly lost many

of its skilled glass blowers and

cutters, which it now needs to

"It is a very labour-inten-

sive business yet none of the

powerful union.

million pre-tax profit in 1990, is now "disillusioned enough with Waterford that it wants

Mr O'Reilly, however, is known to be keen on both world-renowned brand names, believing his marketing expertise will give both lines a new lease on life.

Waterford, which sells as much as 80 per cent of its crystal to US buvers, clearly would benefit from far more gressive marketing in the US market, where Mr O'Reilly has immense experience.

high-level management knows anything about glass technol-Analysts believe involvegy," said Mr Watson. Training people and inment by an outside investor or a complete takeover of the troducing new working practices will take them years." He company is the only hope for beleaguered investors. said Waterford could also

The company needs much choose mechanized producmore in the way of cash to tion, but at considerable cost reduce its debt mountain and and against the will of the re-market its china and crystal than its shareholders would be But its not just labour and willing, at this point, to production problems that face

Waterford. For a year, there Though Mr Howard Kilroy, have been reports that the Wedgwood family are fed up a former Jefferson Smurfit director who became Waterwith the Waterford record and ford chairman after Mr Paddy are keen on regaining indepen-Hayes was forced to resign dence for the Staffordshire early last year, is widely respected for his financial acu-Waterford paid a high price

— Ir£250 million — to ensure
its survival with the Novemmen, it is agreed that the company needs outside exper-

tise in both marketing and ber, 1986, acquisition of crystal production. Wedgwood, which was then But observers say it will be trying to escape a hostile bid some time before Waterford from London International Wedgwood emerges from the Group, the condoms group thick Irish mist engulfing it even with the enthusiastic which owned Royal Worcester involvement and cash backing of Mr O'Reilly.

software By Melinda Wittstock Apricot Computers, Britain's leading independent supplier of computer workstations, is

on the look out for a foreign equity partner in America or the Far East to help share in research and development costs and open up new markets in an increasingly competitive climate. Part of a significant re-

Apricot

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deal on

organization shifting Apricot's focus away from computer hardware towards software and services, the deal should be completed within two to three months.

Mr Roger Foster, chairman, said Apricot Computers is presently in negotiations with several companies.

Apricot, whose computer software side has grown from revenues of under £10 million to the £80 million level of its hardware division in just a few years, has also launched a new software and services division, ACT.

The original name of the company when it started up 25 years ago, ACT will include the recent acquisitions of ITL, Logsys and Sigmex as well as Apricot's computer services division.

Apricot Computers emphasized, however, that it has no plans to withdraw from its computer hardware man-

Poor figures force Fairbriar to study its future as plc

Fairbriar, the housebuilder, is considering buying back its shares and going private after being badly hit by depressed market conditions in the six months to end-September.

The value of residential sales was half the same period a year ago, the company reported.
Mr Remo Dipre, chairman,

whose family holds 64.5 per cent, is considering making a offer to buy out minority shareholders "at a price reflecting current market An announcement will be

made "as soon as possible." Turnover was down from £20.8 million to £16.2 million, pre-tax profit fell 46 per cent to £3.32 million, and the interim dividend has been cut from 1.7p to 1.25p.

the previous year benefited from a rush of residential demand, while in the latest period the company had suf- of fixed assets. fered from higher interest and the effect of higher mortgage rates, said Mr Dipre.



Dipre: considering buy out come which is starting to flow through from on commercial

By year-end, Fairbriar expects to have rental income running at an annual rate of more than £3 million with further increases during 1990.

extraordinary charge of £571,000 representing a net loss on the sale and valuation

The difficult trading conditions are likely to continue to influence the group's performance in 1990, and in these circumstances a buyback offer is being considered.

Fairbriar shares, 78 per cent of which were left with under-writers on flotation in 1985 at an effective issue price of 60p, rose 2p to 92p.

Auditors' reports vary across Europe

ferences between the auditors' pean multinational compantheir usefulness to investors and other account users, a research study commissioned by the Institute of Chartered

Accountants concludes. A survey of more than 200 with a market listing in more

In these countries, the short

complied with more than eight of 10 items specified by the International Audit Prac-

tice Committee. But reports on companies based in West Germany com-plied with less than five on avcrage, in Sweden less that four and in Austria less than two.

The report says harmoniza-tion of this basic element in accounts has improved in many European Community countries under the influence of EC directives as well as American-influenced international practice.

The study is part of a project to compare national difauditor's report, which typi- to compare national dif-cally states whether or not the ferences between the accounts

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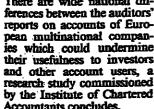
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The bank interest charge rose from £571,000 to £1.538 million, topping by £1,000 the interest charge for all of the 12 months to end-March, 1989. Fairbriars is taking a cautions view of the second half, despite significant rental in-

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor There are wide national dif- fair view, and on what basis,



reports on accounts of Euroies which could undermine

than one centre, showed there was a high degree of compli-ance with international standards only in Britain, the Irish Republic, Italy and Spain.

accounts present a true and of multinational groups.

BHP likely to sell Woodside holding By Our City Staff

BHP Petroleum, part of project include BP, Chevron, Australia's largest and widely Mitsubishi and Mitsui. Australia's largest and widely diversified BHP group, is considering selling its 40.03 per cent equity stake in quoted Woodside Petroleum, fanning investment interest in Japan

and London.

BHP, which should stand to reap several millions from the sale, says it has achieved what it set out to do when it first invested in Woodside Petroleum in 1976, and that it is now "appropriate to review

The fellow shareholders in Woodside - operator of the North West Shelf gas project offshore Western Australia include Shell, with an equal 40.03 per cent shareholding. Other participants in the

BHP says any decision about its Woodside stake will not affect its direct interest in the North West shelf project, and emphasizes that its remains "delighted" with Woodside.

It has significant reserves, and acreage in which Woodside interests have substantial exploration potential. Shell Australia, in reaction

to BHP's announcement, said it had been advised by BHP of its intentions but that the development would have no impact on Shell's "complete commitment to the North West Shelf project, to Woodside or to current and future LNG business into Japan."

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STOCK MARKET

New York unsettles London investors

The bout of New Year blues which has been upsetting 26p to 135p following the investors on Wall Street is agreed bid of £105 million now also starting to have a from Mr Michael Ashcroft's depressing effect on investors ADT, the security and car on this side of the Atlantic. auction group. ADT is bidding News of a 28-point slide in the equivalent of 133p a share

the Dow Jones industrial av- for Britannia. The acquisition erage overnight meant a sharp will make ADT one of the mark-down for share prices in biggest security services London first thing, with inves-tors deciding to take profits as Last year, Britanni tors deciding to take profits as Last year, Britannia re-the three-week account begins ported a fall in pre-tax profits gathering pace in after-hours' trading as the Dow Jones average suffered an opening fall of 10 points.

The FT-SE 100 index closed

Government securities managed to shrug off early duliness to end £¼ better at the long end in thin trading.

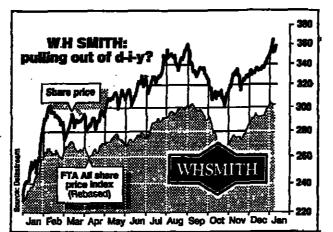
Among leaders, Unilever fell 13p to 691p following claims that it is about to take to the takeover trail. Whispers on the Amsterdam stock market claimed that it was thinking about making a sizeable acquisition in Holland's food manufacturing industry. But the company denied the claims. Last night, it arranged a presentation for US fund

to draw to a close. The slide and takeover speculation continued throughout the day, intensified when ADT emerged with a near 10 per cent holding in the company. Meanwhile, a rival,

Securiguard, rose 2p to 260p as the City gave its approval to the \$16.9 million (£10.2 mil-The FT index of 30 shares Building Services of New shed 20.1 at 1,936.4 on a York, a building shares shares. maintenance group.
Securious is making an initial down-payment of \$10.4 million with the remainder payable over the next three years. Last year, Madison made pre-tax profits of \$2.47

million.

The drinks sector ran into profit-taking after Tuesday's strong gains. But Scottish & Newcastle firmed 2p to 359p in anticipation of the long-awaited disposal of Elders IXL's 23 per cent holding. It has been ordered by Government to reduce its holding to under 10 per cent by later this year after its bid



for S&N was blocked by the breaking run, shares in Miss Monopolies Commission. It Anita Roddick's Body Shap has been suggested that Elders continued to encounter spowould attempt to sell the stake radic profit-taking, losing 10p in one lump. Having paid to 609p, after 603p. This about 400p a share for the compares with their all-time

The inquiry by the DTI into Blue Arrow's £25 million loan to Mr Peter de Savary is still continuing, but it looks as though Mr Tony Berry is getting ready to make his return to the City. The word is that he will soon be elected to the board of Business Technology, the office automation group. He already owns a 22 per cent holding and may increase this to 29.9 per cent. The shares firmed 2p to 214p.

holding, Elders is now faced high of 647p. In less than six with a sizeable loss. Allied-Lyons rose 4p to 515p amid vague talk of an asset swap with Grand Metropolitan, 9p lighter at 649p. Bass slipped 2p to £10.56 and Whitbread A 8p to 417p.

years, the group's market capitalization has soared from £2.3 million to £500 million.

It is expected to make taxable profits of £16 million in the current year, but its prospective p/e ratio of 58 has done little to deter investors. tive buying lifted Etam by 3p to 190p and A Goldberg 8p to 108p while Storehouse firmed 2p to 125p. This week's talk of a bid for the troubled retailer

WH Smith A firmed 7p to 359p - just 7p below its peak - on whispers that it is about to sell its Do-It-All DIY business to Ladbroke which already owns Texas Homecare. Ladbreke fell 6p to

340p. Hanson hardened lp to 235p following the annual meeting where Lord Hanson forecast a 20 per cent rise in the total dividend to 10.4p for the year ending next September. The shares have been a firm market since Christmas, attracting renewed support from City institutions. Robert Horne, the USM paper merchant, leapt 95p to

345p on the news that Mr Kenneth Horne, the chair-man, had received an approach for his controlling stake in the company. The speculators are talking of a bid for Horne from Buchmann-Tetterode, the Dutch paper-

troubled electronics group, by 2p to 37p on growing hopes that Thomson-CSF, the French electronics group, is about to make its longmillion Ferranti shares

changed hands.
STC scored an early lead but closed below its best level with a rise of 1p to 276p. Once again, there have been whispers that the group is on the verge of selling its ICL subsidiary. This time, Siemens, the West German industrial group, was being mentioned

as the buyer: Parkfield Group, which has interests stretching from the manufacturer of car chassis through to the Pathe News film library, fell 9p to 497p despite announcing this week that pre-tax profits had more than doubled to £13.86 million during the first six months. Earnings a share rose by almost 80 per cent to 17.7p.

Eurotunnel units fell 15p to 668p and the warrants 2p to 54p as the group continued to attempt to work out terms of a refinancing package for the

Metal Closures, the paper and packaging group, rose 6p to 195p as Wassall declared that its £45 million offer was final Closures' price is still 5p below the 200p offered by Wassall. There was little evidence of the expected raid by Wassall on Closures' shares with only 797,000 traded.

Michael Clark

WALL STREET

Fears for company profits push Dow down by 10 points

Dow Jones industrial average by any means." was 10 points lower at 2,756.00 in early trading and

falling shares outnumbered rising ones by five to three. A late drop in shares on Tuesday and expectations of generally disappointing fourth-quarter company profits weighed down prices, es-

pecially blue chips. However, trading continued to be slow. Many investors stayed out of the market amid expectations of disappointing fourth-quarter results and the market's inability to support attempts at rallies so far this

Gold-mining issues gained as bullion prices climbed. Newmont Mining was ahead by 1% to 49%, ASA rose 1% to 58½ and Homestake Mining was up 1/2 to 20%.

■ Tokyo — The Nikkei index lost 254.95 points, or 0.67 per cent, to 37,696.51 after sliding 343.50 on Tuesday. Index-linked buying, mostly in the Nikkei, took prices out of their troughs in the afternoon but they still closed broadly down in thin trading. A slight recovery in the bond market and a lack of new political rumours

encouraged buyers.

Mr Setsuo Watanuki, a trader at Toyo Securities, said: From a price standpoint is reaching a good position.

New York (Rester) - The The correction is not extrem The index recovered about

half of its losses after shedding. almost 500 points in the early afternoon. But the key 38,000 benchmark, which the Nikkei passed on December 13, fellfurther from view after the index first slipped below it on Tuesday. Turnover was a scant 500 million shares, as

was Tuesday's.

Frankfart - The DAX index ended 26.31 points lower at 1,839.63. It had climbed by 22.70 on Tuesday to 1,865.94 - 10.29 below its all-time high of 1,876.23.

Profit-taking drove prices 1.4 per cent lower, in a technical correction to recent strong gains, dealers said. But trading was overshadowed by the news that Siemens, the big electronics group, was taking a majority stake in Nixdorf, the ailing computer company.

Singapore - Strong buying in the afternoon lifted the THE CALL BEARD AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT

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revamped Straits Times industrial index to a record 1,569.52, up 13.04.

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• Hear Keng — The Hang-Seng index gained 45.84 points, or 1.62 per cent, to 2,868.00 and the Hong Kong index rose 29.78 to 1,882.32. • Sydney - The All-Ord-inaries index finished 0.9 points down at 1,689.7 after bouncing off a low of 1,679.4, reached shortly after the start.

EL buys **Paris** nightspots

nanagers in New York.

European Leisure, the fast-growing disco and theme-pub group, has bought Le Palace, a discothèque in Paris with capacity for 3,000 people, and Sweet World Cafe, a theme restaurant offering seven different national menus, for Fr64 million (£6.89 million)

The vendor is M Eric Vannier, a well-known businessman, and the mayor of Mont St Michel.

When another nightclub being developed opens in the spring, European Leisure will have six businesses in the French capital, plus London venues such as the Hippodrome and Camden Palace.

The money will be found out of its own resources

Southern Business soars 51% to £10.3m

By Philip Pangalos

This time they jumped by 51 per cent to £10.3 million in

the year to end-September.

The final dividend improved from 3.8p to 4.95p, making 7.83p for the year, up an increase of 30 per cent, while earnings per share rise by 35 per cent to 41p.

The group not only rents out photocopiers but also provides paper, toner and Turnover, which was boost-

ed by acquisitions, increased by 72 per cent to £33.2 million, while the group's forward-contracted income stood at £221 million, up 47

The company said that by 29p to 559p.

Pre-tax profits at Southern GKW Holdings, the photo-Business Group, the fast-growing USM photocopier last March for £6 million, is and vending machine lessor, have continued to advance.

This time the machine lessor, into operations under the group's overhead control systems. In addition, progress has been made in incorporating the business equipment di-vision of Sandhurst Market-ing, August's £5.5 million acquisition from WH Smith which added an installed base of 5,000 machines.

Mr David McErlain, the chairman, said the group is trading at record levels and with the full potential of the two most recent acquisitions to be realized in the coming months, he is confident of a highly successful year. The company also proposed a three-for-one scrip issue. The shares rose advanced



Profits up: David McErlain, centre, with directors John Murray and Roger Limpenny yesterday

Wessex Water Plc **Interim Results**

"I welcome our new Wessex shareholders and with them we look forward to the future of Wessex Water with confidence. Our half year results are as expected and we remain on course to achieve the full year profit forecast made in the prospectus."

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Unaudited Group Results for the Six Months to 30 September 1989

TURNOVER	73.6	_
OPERATING PROFIT	24.6	
Interest	15.8	
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
BEFORE AND AFTER TAXATION	8.8	2
Extraordinary Items	3.3	3
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	5.5	
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The interim accounts for the six months to 30 September 1989, which are unaudited, have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out in the prospectus dated 22 November 1989 and are consistent with the accounting policies adopted for the year ended 31 March 1989. Results for the six months to 30 September 1988 have not been presented. The Directors believe that comparison with this prior period would not be appropriate in view of changes during the current year in regulation, capital structure, in the level of infrastructure renewals expenditure and other costs associated with the Company's new status as a Plc. The financial information contained in this interim statement does not amount to full accounts within the meaning of Section 254 of the Companies Act

Prior to 1 September 1989 Wessex Water was exempt from UK income, corporation and capital gains taxes. Until a liability to mainstream corporation tax or deferred tax arises, it is expected that the only tax charge to the profit and loss account will be the write off of advance corporation tax.

Extraordinary items relate to privatisation and restructuring costs. Pro forma earnings per ordinary share for the six months 26.9p.

Pro forma earnings per ordinary share are colculated using the number of shares in issue at 22 November 1989 of 102.6 million and earnings of £27.6 million. The earnings are based upon the profit after tax for the half year adjusted by £21.7 million in respect of interest on a basis as if the present capital structure had been in place since 1 April 1989 and by including a proforma taxation charge of £2.9 million. The proforma taxation charge has been derived by applying the estimated effective rate for the year to 31 March 1990, based on the proforma forecast in the prospectus, to the adjusted interim results. Actual earnings per ordinary share are not shown as the number of shares in issue during the six months to 30 September 1989 are not considered to be representative of the group's position following implementation of the new capital structure.



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with directors John Murray and Roger Limpenny yesterday Threat of collapse in European fast Benefic St. Banksmerica 22% Benefic St. Bene Threat of collapse breeder studies

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

A warning that the European gramme could collapse. Fast Breeder Programme may France, the main country collapse if Britain does not involved, would then likely Select Committee yesterday.

The programme is designed to develop the next generation of nuclear power stations which will be needed in the The Government has cut

funding into research on nuclear power from £100 million a year to only £10 million in the next financial year.

In addition, the £30 million a year being paid towards the project by the Central Electricity Generating Board has ended because of the coming privatization of the electricity

The Government is retaining the network of nuclear power stations in state owner-ship and the two generating companies to be created from the existing CEGB will no longer have any statutory obligation for the security of electricity supply.

Because of that the CEGB has had to withdraw such

funding as it prepares for its flotation early next year. However, Mr Derek Davis, a main board member of the CEGB, yesterday told the committee that if Britain had

France, the main country find ways of increasing its turn to Japan for col-share of the funding was laboration. Mr Davis said it given to the Commons Energy was important Britain remained in the programme in order to steer technological development towards British

Mr Davis did tell the committee that National Nuclear Corporation, the British company involved, had been given funding for the first six months of the next financial year in order to remain in the project by the Atomic Energy Authority and by British Nuclear Fuels.

The corporation must give three months' notice of withdrawal from the project so a decision on whether it can stay does not have to be made until late summer, Mr Davis told the committee.

However, the CEGB said that National Power the larger of the two generating com-panies which will be created from it officially on March 31 would be willing to contribute to the cost of keeping Britain in the programme. In evidence to the com

mittee it said: "The CEGB has maintained support for development of fast reactor technology for more than two decades. There needs to be reto withdraw from the Euro-pean programme, the pro-responsibilities and funding."



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'Clothing imports could swamp UK'

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

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The warning came from a delegation in Brussels from Britain's Retail Consortium, the trade body for most retailers. It urged the commission to phase out the import quota system over the next 10 years

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The European Commission evolution." The Multi-Fibre has been given a warning that Arrangement - renewed three Britain's clothing industry times since introduction in could be swamped by cheap 1974 - expires in July next imports if the European year. The consortium esti-Community's textiles agree-ments with the rest of the trade employs 500,000 people. The potential job losses have been out at between 30,000 and 100,000. Mr Roger Saoul, the head of

economic information at Marks and Spencer and a member of the delegation, said: "The British industry has" made tremendous progress in to give Britain time to prepare. the last 10 to 15 years, Mr Hugh Clark, the con- upgrading its capacity and sortium's assistant director, productivity, It just needs time to set up a sound kets will be flooded. It would manufacturing base before the

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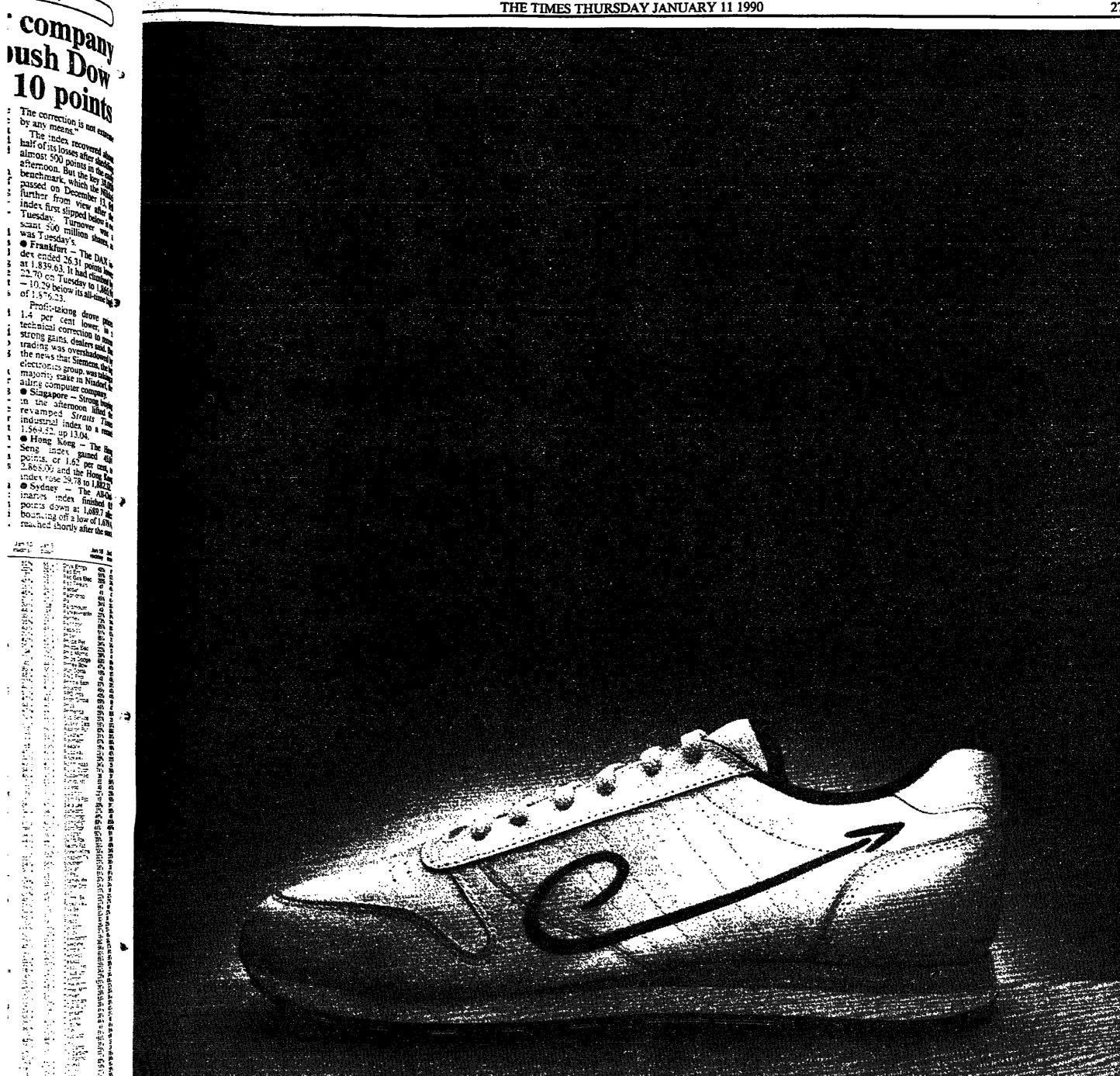
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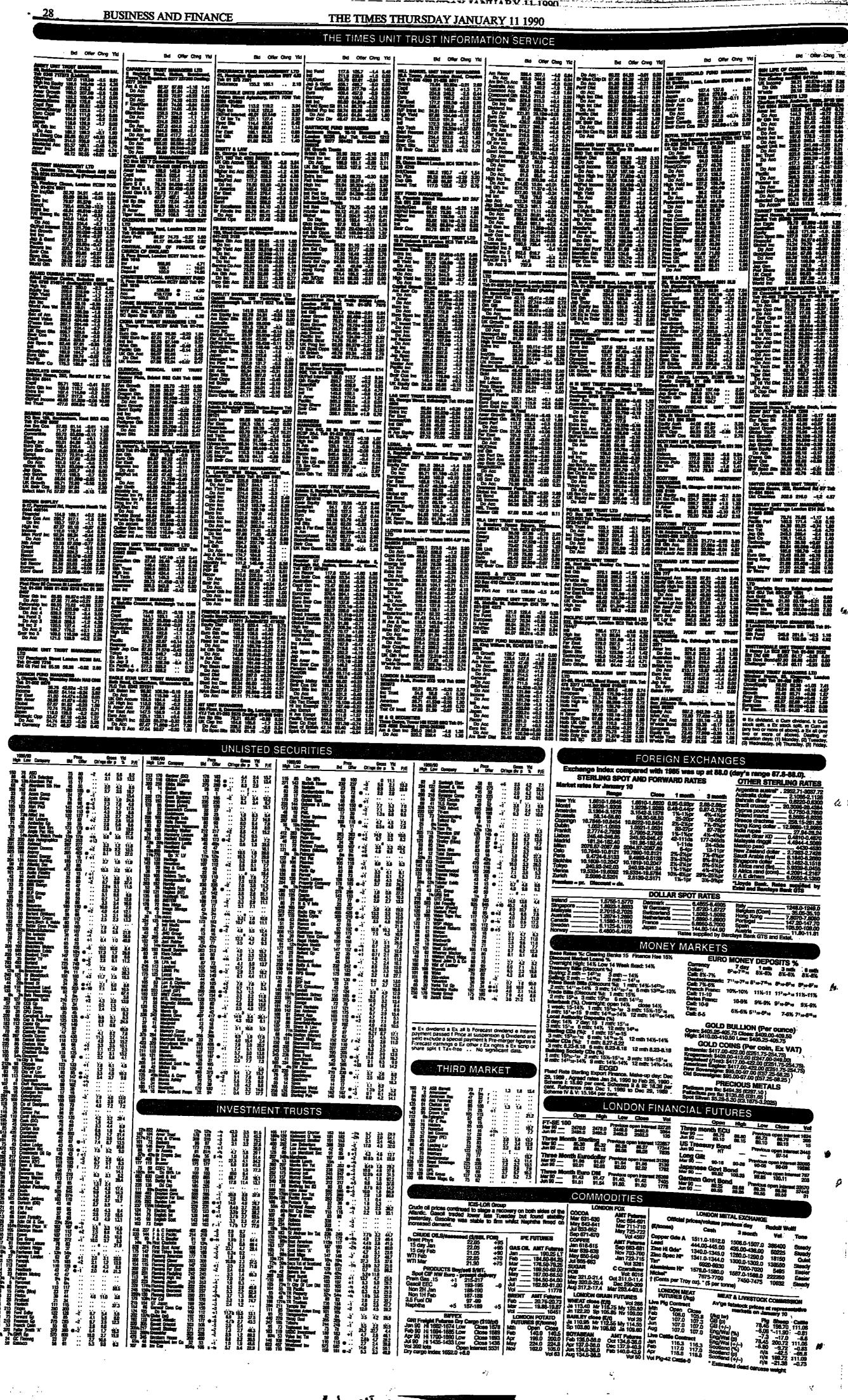
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A government spokesman said prices of domestic exports

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Mr John Banham, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, yesterday responded angrily to Government calls to industry to hold the line on pay and urged Mr John Major, the Chancellor, to take issue with Cabinet ministers instead.

The CBI has for months been accusing the Government of committing "inflationary own goals" by allowing costs within its control, such as electricity prices and business rates - to rise unnec-

The disclosure that Mr Michael Howard, the new Employment Secretary, is planning to tour the country to exhort industry leaders to show restraint on wages has angered the CBI leadership, which wants the Government to stay out of the private sector's pay bargaining.

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improved productivity, high pay awards were a recipe for inflation and unemployment, but made it clear that it was up claims, such as the 10 per cent- to industry to decide what it

Referring to the ambulance dispute, he said it was wrong He acknowledged that mo-tor workers' demands were "very disturbing", but pro-posed that the easiest way to there were substantial opportunities for doing so. Mr Banham said there was

metal products, 7 per cent for travel goods and handbags and 4 per cent for clothing. causing inflation, provided the rises had been earned, but there would be a problem if The export goods which suffered the largest fall in sales volume in October were radios (39 per cent), travel goods and handbags (23 per cent), metal goods (21 per cent) and

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By Our Economics Correspondent

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The latest economic data cantly above 3 per cent. are likely to bolster further its currency, shares and bonds which were already at record heights following the openingup of Eastern Europe.

Herr Egon Hölder, president of the Federal Statistics Office in Wiesbaden, said preliminary estimates showed the gross national product growing by a real 4 per cent last year after 3.6 per cent growth in 1988.

In the final quarter growth was higher than the 3.5 per cent year-on-year gain reported in the third quarter, he said, but gave no actual figure. Last year, exports grew at nearly twice the previous

year's rate, and investment also moved ahead. Private consumption growth slowed, while public consumption fell. Though at a level most countries would envy, West Germany's cost-of-living rose

an average 2.8 per cent, more than double the 1.3 per cent inflation the year before. In an interview published yesterday, Herr Claus Köhler, a senior Bundesbank official,

said inflation was unlikely to

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Slurry with fringe benefits on top

Bob Rodwell talks to a man who is

proving that where there's muck,

there really is money to be made

ithin two years the entire Coleraine campus of the Uni-County Derry, may be heated with methane gas derived from dung at Europe's first commercial slurry processing plant, to be built nearby.

Les Gornall's Green Land Systems is negotiating to supply the university with gas along a one-mile pipeline from his plant which will also produce liquid fertilizer and a dry bagged peat substitute and soil conditioner.

In its first phase, the plant will be scaled to handle the waste pro-ducts of 1,000 head of cattle and in its early days, also digest 30,000 tonnes of sewage sludge.
Delivery of what others would

regard as a big headache, but which Gornall sees as the equivalent of 7,500 tonnes of best anthra-

cite, will be spread over five years.

"Farm slurry, pig manure, sewage sludge, poultry droppings—
it's all a carbon source to me and as good as an oil field," says Gornall, who has spent 12 years developing the technology. He argues that, potentially, the byproducts of a cattle herd comfort. products of a cattle herd comfortably exceed in value the beef on

A medium-sized cattle house

produces about 33 tonnes of beef a year - and 3,000 tonnes of slurry. This in turn contains methane of at least the value of the beef together with 300 tonnes of fibrous matter, which is almost all carbon and as good as 300 tonnes of best anthracite. But at the moment farmers concentrate on those two lorry loads of beef and throw away the 30 lorry loads of

In October, Gornall picked up a £37,500 Small Firms Merit Award for Research and Technology (SMART) from the Department of Trade and Industry to aid the £128,000 development of his improved composter/dryer, which is the latest advance in a system he first established for the organically farming Cistercian monks of Beth-lehem Abbey at Portglenone in County Antrim.

The monks take vows of poverty and so are almost embar-rassed by the fact that their 300 head of cattle produce gas and fertilizers worth more than £60,000 annually.

The gas heats the abbey and they cannot produce enough liquid fertilizer and horticultural peat substitute to satisfy local demand, while their organic-ally grown crops command up to three times the prices of those



grown with synthetic fertilizers.

Gornall's digesters throw off the gas with gentle heating and produce a pumpable liquid. This is mechanically separated into odourless liquid fertilizer and its most valuable constituent, the

His new composter/dryer pasteurizes and dries the fibre and has a computerized system to produce the optimum conditions for the actino mycetes bacteria and the cellulose-reducing fungi which gobble up the woody bits producing, in seven days, compost

A gas potentially more ozone-unfriendly than CFCs is now a target

Green protesters turn heat

teria on which that would take 21 weeks to produce in other systems and a year naturally on the forest

De-humidifying equipment is used to dry the fibre at a relatively low temperature, 80°C, to avoid killing the high-temperature bac-

Days after his DTI award, Gor-Utrecht in The Netherlands. To home and his maximize flexibility in energy house next door, recovery, he has become the sole feeling very snug.

'Farmers concentrate on two lorry loads of beef and throw away 30 lorries of coal'

European agent for the United States Ajax range of slow single-cylinder valveless "sour gas" en-gines, used on oil fields to run on

raw methane from the wells-He marries these engines with up-to-the-minute wind generator technology to obtain power and recovers, for space heating, the heat of the engine combustion

Waste products produced on Ulster's farms are potentially the foundation for a £100 million-ayear industry, Gornall claims, and could benefit the provincial economy by as much as £500 million a

osts have fallen to the extent that a system for a herd as small as 40 head is now viable. His first private buyer is a County Antrim farmer with 70 cattle, who is receiving a 50 per cent grant towards the £40,000

He will see a speedy return on investment, because the by-prod-uct value will be at least £7,000 a nall was demonstrating his system uct value will be at least £7,000 a at the Ecotech 89 exhibition in year, and with the gas heating his home and his brother-in-law's house next door, he should be



Industry wins new support

ogy-transfer group, has en- falls outside the academic dowed the Centre for Com- fields for which postgraduate mercial Law Studies at the funding is available. Mary and Westfield College with a £2,000 scholarship for students on the MSc course in intellectual property law (Nick Nuttall writes).

BTG's decision reflects the growth in the past decade of generated technology and the increasing need to protect inventions and ideas from intellectual theft. The scholarship will help students – graduates in science and technology — who find it hard to get further funding for studies in this area of the law. demic and industrial in-Students keen to study for vention."

The British Technology an MSc in intellectual prop-Group (BTG), the erty usually have to fund BTG hopes that the estab-

lishment of an endowment will help the group forge links with the University of London, whose property-law unit is admired as a key centre in Britain for advanced teaching and research of patent, copyright and information law.

Ian Harvey, BTG's chief executive, says: "We are delighted to be supporting the intellectual property unit. We look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship which

on world of computers

Fire extinguishers using

halon are still the most com-

mon form of extinguisher in

computer rooms, according to

a survey by the international

consultants Price Waterhouse.

because it operates quickly -

it can normally extinguish a

fire in 60 seconds, does not

conduct electricity, is consid-

released, people who are in the

or suffer frost-bite and eye

By David Frost

PERSPECTIVE

is coming under scrutiny. California's Silicon Valley, in particular, is the site of growto be even more hazardous than CFCs because it can ing protest about the contin-uing use of chlorofluoro-carbons (CFCs) to clean cause damage by reacting with computer components. CFCs ozone, even without sunlight are said to damage the Earth's and oxygen, which must be protective ozone layer, contributing to what has become ozone. Bromine levels are said known as the greenhouse to be increasing at 5 per cent a Computer rooms are also

under scrutiny. Halon, a gas potentially more damaging to the ozone layer than CFCs, is released intentionally or accidentally at hardware sites. Fire is the main cause of

nvironmental issues are high on the agenda, and the computer industry

irretrievable data loss. Until recently, halon-based fireprotection systems have usually been recommended. Insurance companies also

prefer this type of system, but ered non-toxic to computers computer users increasingly and people (although there is a are worried about the environ-possibility that when the gas is mental consequences of releasing halon into the atmos- region can go temporarily deaf phere, although the amount released is only a fraction of damage), has a high penetrathat expelled by aerosol sprays tion and can be cleared from a and refrigerators. Halon gas incorporates bro- quickly after it has ex-

mine compounds, as well as tinguished the fire.
chlorine. Both are believed to
On the other hand, apart damage the ozone layer. Bro- from the environmental hazmine compounds are thought ards, halon is expensive and

the release of the gas can be powerful, in some cases bringing down false ceilings and

smashing windows. An alternative gas will probably take another 10 years to develop. The only large alternative system uses water sprinklers, which are environmentally sound but have other disadvantage

Impurities in the water can damage computer equipment and the combination of water and electricity can be a dangerous mixture. Water from spread in computer rooms to fires inside cabinets or equipment and it can be difficult to recover information from soaking equipment or soggy storage media.

> either halon nor sprinkler systems alone are completely efficient. A mixture of the two - halon in the floor voids and water sprinklers overhead coupled with effective heat and smoke detectors - is best. Another water-based alter-

native, which is still being developed, sprays a fine mist of water from ceiling jets. On contact with the heat, the mist

turns to steam and smothers the fire. This uses smaller amounts of water and causes less damage to equipment.

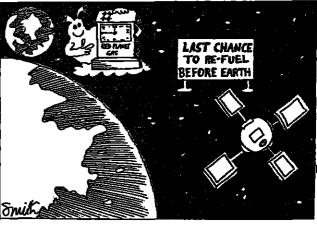
Systems designed to British Standards specifications and installed properly should in-clude integral checking mechanisms and control circuitry, features to minimize the risk of accidental release of halon gas. To prevent the release of balon during fire tests, quality-control checks and roomintegrity testing, with fanpressurization techniques to prove room tightness, can be introduced.

As well as these sophisticated systems, simpler approaches to minimizing the damage to the ozone layer can also be effective.

About half of the fires that destroy computer systems start outside the computer room. Basic fire precautions should be observed throughout the building. This includes a ban on smoking and using only fire-resistant furnishings.

For committed environmentalists, the halon issue is only one of many in the greening of industry but it is an area where immediate action is possible.

• The author is a partner in Price Waterhouse, specializing in data security.



Mars as a space service station

crew stranded milions of liquid oxygen."
The system, which the team has developed into a prototype

that 120 tonnes of fuel will be needed to get a manned ship to Mars and back. Yet carrying so much fuel is likely to hamper mankind's efforts to set up Martian bases and ultimately to colonize the heavens. Precious scientific equipment would have to stay behind to make way for the enormous propeliant payload.

To cut the amount of fuel needed on Martian missions, the American space agency, Nasa, is considering an ambitions solution — to harness and build refineries on its that."

The idea is to launch shins fill up on the planet for the

internationally renowned Jet several years later.
Propulsion Laboratory in The Pasadena te American science magazine Discover says the project is for the return trip. now back in business because of renewed Nasa funding and a said to be wary about travelprivate grant.

Hopes are high that a system able to extract rocket fuel from the Martian air to provide a filling station service to visiting spaceships may soon be possible.

The atmosphere of Mars

contains oxygen, one of the principal ingredients of rocket feel, in large quantities. It is in the form of carbon dioxide gas, which accounts for 96.5 per cent of the atmosphere.

Robert Ash, one of the laboratory's engineers dev-eloping the system, says: "Most liquid rocket engines

Martian air into a processor and heating it to about 1,800 degrees. Some of the carbon dioxide is split into free oxygen and carbon monoxide.

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First, oxygen is separated with the use of a zirconium membrane that attracts ionized atoms of oxygen. It is then liquefied and stored in cooled containers. Tests with a simulated Martian atmosphere, asing the team's model, have managed to extract a tenth of a cubic foot of oxygen from every cubic foot of air. "Eventhe gases in the Martian tually," Ash says, "we would atmosphere as a fuel source like to get two-and-half times

The project comes at a key time in the push to conquer with just enough fuel to get to
Mars. The ships would then

Mars. The ships would then vanced stage to send an un-manned mission to the planet at the turn of the century. A Since 1977, engineers at the manned visit would follow

The Pasadena team thinks Pasadena, California, have that if the extraction and grappled with just such an idea refinery unit could be sent to \$4. but have been restricted by Mars 12 months ahead of the dwindling Nasa budgets. The astronauts, there would be enough fuel ready and waiting

Some Nasa planners are ling so far without the total certainty of return-trip feel. However, even if the extrac-tion and refinery system does not produce the fuel expected, Nasa believes it could play a critical role, "As we establish permanent

bases on the moon and Mars, we will need to 'live off the land'," Frank Martin, of Nasa's office of exploration, says. "Refineries will be indispensable when we are not just travelling to distant bodies, but living on them."

Nick Nuttail

Cutting the CFCs

Components can now be sol- tion and aesthetics, the residered and mounted on to due of paste left on the board without the need for environmentally damaging chloro-fluorocarbons (CFCs), gases linked with damage of the Earth's ozone layer.

BOC, the former British Oxygen Company, has developed a process that allows the board-makers to mount parts without the need for a cleaning phase in which, currently, CFC chemicals are used. Conventionally "surface-mount" soldering of electronic parts

printed circuit boards (PCBs) must be washed off by CFC solvents.

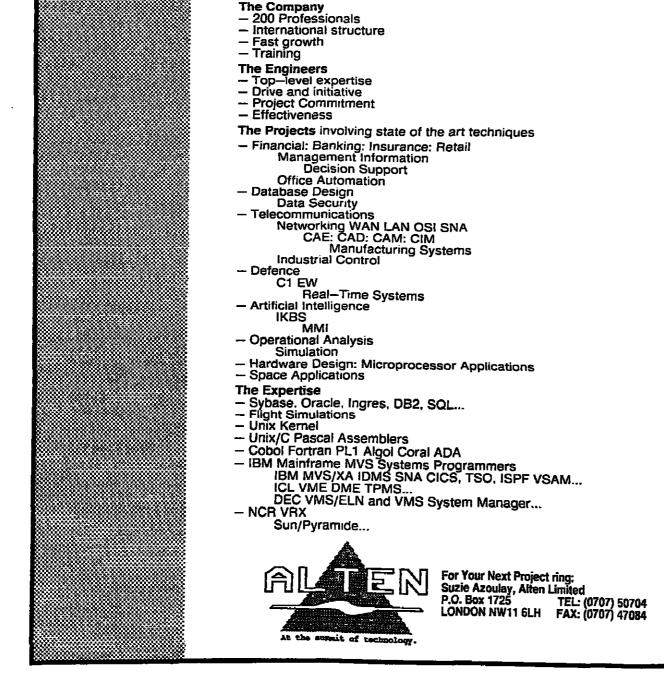
What the BOC researchers have done as part of a threeyear project is to develop a paste which contains no rosinbased flux and a special atmosphere in which soldering is

The atmosphere decomposes the excess paste into gases, leaving behind a clean circuit board.

Neil Downie, BOC's electronics development manager, uses a solder paste containing Europe, says the process helps rosin-based flux. For a variety of reasons, including insula-

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TECHNOLOGY

An increasing number of disabled and housebound people are working from home and playing an active role in business, Leslie Tilley reports

When disability is no handicap

he information technology industry is being targeted by a number of groups keen to increase the job opportunities for those with physical handicaps. Computing is ideally suited, as there is a wide range of high-level jobs which are technology based, and the tools of the trade can be easily adapted to the special needs of those with disabilities, such as implementing voice-activated, as opposed to keyboard-activated,

The problem of enabling handicapped people to work at home, when they are housebound or where a firm's premises may not be suitable and cannot be adapted, can sometimes be solved by no more than a personal computer and a telephone to link them effectively with their office

The Department of Trade and Industry launched a project some years ago to match "home-based disabled people with employers and with jobs which use computer equipment. A number of firms offered positions, primarily as programmers and word processor operators. The Remote Work Units project, managed by the IT World consultancy firm, was such a success that the original six jobs were increased to 60.

"It was difficult at the start, as we were presenting a number of new concepts, such as a career in information technology, home-working and real jobs for the

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disabled," says Breda Robertson, IT World consultant. "There were failures because some people and jobs did not work out, but there were many, many successes. The motivation of the company evolved from a cost-cutting exercise to altruism. Now there are more interesting motivations, such as making use of their technological investment."

The Department of Employment has taken over responsibility for the programme through the Disablement Advisory Service, which provides assistance in recruitment, training, special aids and grants for equipment. However, it reports in an

evaluation study that "the poten-tial for disabled people is not always fully exploited by employers", although they are often highly qualified and can work as effectively as able-bodied staff. The study points out that dis-

abled employees can convert from on-site workers to home-based workers relatively easily and that the IT industry "opens up both new and retention job opportunities for disabled people to work from home' It found that computer equip-

ment can be successfully operated by people with varying degrees of disability - including the most severely physically disabled with little or no adaptation. IT World has also developed a

cilities to get around the problem of developing IT skills. However, Robertson says it found that many disabled people are not aware of the career opportunities.

"We found it was a bit of a chicken and egg situation. At the end of the DTI project, we had many more IT jobs than disabled people to fill them. There is a hidden group of enabled disabled people who are isolated at home and not looking for employment. We found we had to go to inordinate lengths to tease them out of

the woodwork."
On the other hand, the IT in-dustry finds difficulty in attracting highly qualified specialists and is more ideally placed than most to capitalize on its technology to attract those who may be forced to abandon their existing careers.

The British Computer Society (BCS) is now putting its weight behind a number of initiatives. The Specialist Group for the Disabled helps in finding equipment and provides other support services. Its IT Support for the Disabled project seeks to raise awareness among employers and offers a helpline for firms.

"Firms tend to look for people who already have IT skills, rather than how technology can help disabled people do jobs such as office work," says Tom Mangan, the project's information officer. However, those who have IT skills are already employed. Many firms are unaware of the unlimited



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The Duke of Kent watches Geoff Busby demonstrate a computer at the British Computer Society Awards

grants available for providing training, equipment and adapting the premises to suit people with disabilities."

The BCS is investigating the possibility of a database to match employer's staffing needs with suitably experienced potential recruits, and is getting together with a number of representative groups to form an umbrella organization next spring to raise awareness in

Firms with more than 20 staff are required by law to employ a quota of registered disabled people under the war-time Disabled Persons (Employment) Act. Firms say

they are unable to monitor the system, as many with disabilities prefer not to register.

Geoff Busby, director of the BCS group, says that firms "are not meeting the three per cent quota", and should do more training. "Those with disabilities are not being trained to a high enough level," he adds. He points out that a "key issue"

which needs to be tackled by the Government is disability allowances, as these are cut as soon as employment is found. Salaries do not often match the perks and benefits available and he instead calls for benefits to be "scaled

down" as salaries rise. This is another reason why the IT in-dustry is popular, as the salaries are high and tend to compensate

employ, the manufacturing business set up by the Government after the war to employ disabled people, is looking to IT as a way of improving the career prospects of its staff.

Most work in the firm's factories, although many have de-grees and are skilled in other occupations. The company cur-

Ring in the new

ritish Telecom is backing a new company, run by disabled people, which will specialize in designing and making affordable telecommunications equipment for the severely handicapped (Nick Vuttall writes).

The Liverpool company BIT 32, which already makes special computer systems for the disabled, has received £70,000 funding for the launch under BT's Community Action budget.

The new company, to be called Hansoff Systems Ltd. hopes to be self-financing within 18 months.

Mike Farnsworth, BT's operator services and support nanager, says: "We hit on the idea of tailor-made equip-ment and looked around for a partner.'

Jobs at the new firm are being advertised and there is to be no limit on an applicant's range of disabilities.

rently employs 11,000 staff, of whom 9,000 are registered as severely disabled.

"We are looking at ways of enhancing the career opportunities for those with a good education and who worked in offices rather than with their hands," says Mark Daymond, personnel director of Remploy.

"IT does offer a number of possibilities. We are starting a new scheme called Interwork to employ disabled staff and subcontract them to other firms. It takes the hassle of managing it from the employer."

IT APPEARS TO BE BRAIN-DEAD DO WE CALL IN A TECHNICIAN OR A NEUROLOGIST?

Something to think about

n the beginning, there were digital computers, big, slow and very stupid. Half a century later, digital computers are very small and fast, but when it comes to thinking they are still idiots compared with humans. But what would happen if computer circuits could be made to resemble our brains - if they could learn

from their mistakes? Hundreds of tiny companies have sprung up in the past three years hoping to answer - and cash in on those questions with an approach called neural networks, named after the neurons that are the basic structure of the human nervous system. Carlos Tapang, a 36-year-old Filipino physicist who left chip-maker Intel to start Syntonic Systems, has delivered what he believes is the first commercially available neural network chip to Electrodyne, a

Japanese company. The chip is called Dendros-1, a reference to dendrites, the highly branched filaments which allow human cells to communicate. It simulates the work of neurons, which reWilliam McCall on moves towards

through dendrites and produce a single result. Tapang compares the chip's function to measuring the flow of water through a network of dif-ferent-sized pipes by emptying them into a single pool. Such a system of computing values is called "analogue", which implies a continuous form of

information in the binary system which is the "brain" of

computers with brains like humans

ceive a variety of signals to believe that the brain relied on a digital model to process information. Instead, they found it was only a tiny portion of a complex electromeasurement, like the sweep

second hand on a watch. Digital computers, like digital watches, chop time and numbers into tiny bits and add them up, one at a time.
"Bits" are the smallest unit of a digital computer. The great advantage of today's digital computers is that they can add those bits very fast, even if it is done only one bit at a time.

There is some evidence that the neural cells in our brains use a kind of digital system to transmit signals. These on-off

pulses, called spikes, confused early researchers and led some

> chemical network which channels signals the way Tapang is The key word is "network". It is the interaction of neurons in our brains that gives rise to thought, not the action of a single neuron. In that sense,

Tapang says, digital computers are doomed to be electronic dunces because their chips are designed to be solitary devices called central processing units, channelling all operations through one electronic "pipe".

However, some computer scientists and industry analysts are sceptical that neural networks will replace digital computing. Neural networks will "be a fine addition to what we've got now, but to each other.

they'll just supplement it", says Esther Dyson, editor and publisher of Release 1.0, a New York computer newsletter. "They'll never replace the mathematically precise logic of a digital system. They're good at things like pattern recognition, but still cannot cope with our kind of fuzzy thinking,"

One California-based company, Synaptics, has used neural network technology to develop what it calls a silicon retina. An array of photo sensors emulates the light receptors in the eye, and an analogue computer processes the image for display on a video monitor. Tapang uses capacitors to

simulate neurons, which rely on chemicals to transmit signals between synapses. Capacitors store and release electricity in much the same way. Dendros-1 has one fixed connection and 22 variable ones which simulate synapses. It can be layered with other chips to create an overlapping network of communicating capacitors that "fire" signals

Cancer hit by sound

potential way of boosting the power of cancer-killing drugs has been discovered by scientists in California. The technique harnesses the effects of altra-high frequency sound or ultrasound in the hope that it will make cancer cells more open to chemical attack.

Adriamycin is one of the most common drugs used to fight cancers. Unfortunately, it is highly toxic to heart muscle. The new technique, in which altrasound is targeted on a tumour, promises to increase the drug dose that goes into the cancer cells without large amounts reaching the heart.

Dr George Hahn, professor of radiation oncology at Stanford University, says early trials on mice tumours are encouraging, but admitted his team was still unsure why ultrasound worked in this way.

He says: "It is a pressure wave that induces motion in molecules. It is not unreason able to hypothesize that this increases the passage of drugs into the cells or to certain structures, almost like pashing them in."

The ultrasound system the Stanford team is using is 100

times more powerful than the Researchers are planning more animal experiments and Hahn expects to do the first human tests on breast cancer victims. Adriamycin is known to be effective against such tumours, and being nearer the

surface they are easier to

Businesses receptive to information technology developments may find it easier to recruit and retain high-quality staff, a survey of leading British companies suggests. Turnover in skilled staff is

emerging as an increasing cause for concern within western industry and commerce as the era of the baby boom is supplanted by the 1990s, a decade in which the level of school and university graduates is set to slump.

But, the study indicates, if companies are "early adopters" of new technology and provide high-level training to support this, the economic dangers of staff turnover can be minimized.

This is just one of the findings from Excellence and he II ractor, condi MSA Business Survey of Maidenhead, Berkshire. Fifteen of Britain's top-

performing Stock Exchange companies over the past five years, including Asda, Avon Rubber, Emap, ICI, Grand Metropolitan, the Pentland Group, Safeway and Tarmac Quarry Products, were asked about their policies and attitudes to IT.

The survey also aimed to try to identify the role that such technologies could play in business success.

It found that most managers questioned believed that IT was now "inextricably linked" to business strategy. Few mentioned it in relation to competitive advantage, but many admitted that the innovative actions of others played a role in the harnessing of new devel-

However, one admitted: "Markets are changing to such an extent that your competitor might not actually be the person that you see as your competitor. Certainly suppliers ... keep us posted on how far we are behind or not."

Another key finding was the

How to win the winners

What attracts skilled IT staff

increasing autonomy being given to departments charged with running a company's IT operations.

Most managers viewed free-dom for their IT professionals to devise strategic and tactical as a crucial ingredient in their company's overall success.

In terms of hiring, only one company said it looked for specific academic qualifications. Nearly all said that experience was the key reason for

"A love of change" and personal communication skills were also identified as important employee qualities. Asda, the supermarket chain.

emphasized that arts graduates could also make excellent IT staff members. Most of those asked empha-

sized training. Each company spent an average of 4.4 per cent of their £120,000 average annual IT budget on training.

For the make of equipment most favoured, IBM ranked highest for hardware. But many emphasized that they also used other suppliers, such as Digital Equipment and ICL.

No single supplier of personal computers dominated the

IT strategies. Avon Rubber said: "We used

to talk in five-year and 10-year horizons, but we found that beyond three was so much of a projection, it had little credibility."

However, Tarmac said: We have a two-year look, but the objective with the IT strategy is to give us something that will operate for 10

The increasing cost of software and the need to harness the growing data storage and power of PCs were mentioned as concerns for the future.

For most companies, 1992 and the single market posed little special challenge to their IT policies.

An ICI official said: "There is nothing special about 1992 in terms of our strategy."

An Avon Rubber spokesman said: "I am getting somewhat concerned that we are al pretending 1992 is going to be very significant, but we haven't got a clue what it

means. "If you ask me, 1995 is going to be the big headache, because by that time things

will have happened . . . it will be very serious." Most of the companies said

they viewed external IT consultancies as "facilitators" rather than a strategic or management resource.

Consultants were in the main considered to be expensive and to be used when resources were stretched or when a company was entering an alien area in which internal knowledge was slim or non-existent. They are also used for specific studies.

"Caution" sums up the general view of the interviewees over harnessing outside resources, according to the

report. Nevertheless, some com-panies were enthusiastic. Asda Most companines said they said: "There was no way in saw two or three years as the which, by ourselves, we could realistic time-scale for planning have replaced every systemin four years."

Nick Nuttall

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Apricot by another name

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The move, timed for the

launch of a new software

division, marks a return to

basics as the company shifts its emphasis from manufacturing. ACT will include Apricot's own computer-services division, as well as recent purchases Logsys, Sigmex and ITL. It is seeking a partner for the computer-manufacturing side of its business, which may be based in the Far East. Prompting the move is research indicating that the computer systems integration market is expected to grow by 40 per cent a

year. The company adds that it

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BRIEFING

by Nick Nuttall

Battelle, is developing an environmentally safe anti-fouling method for keeping barnacies and other marine and freshwater life forms off submerged surfaces. 'Marine paints now in use incorporate organo-tin compounds which, ecologists say, are not only toxic to the rest of the environment when they degrade," says Richard Dick of Battelle's polymer science and technology department.

'Our new anti-fouling

degrade actively to be

technology can create a polymer made with organic

materials that does not have to

effective. The toxicity level is

verv iow but also effective in making organisms so

The polymer can be either painted on or incorporated into a submerged surface's

materials. It is being tested at the company's materials research facility at Daytona Beach, Florida - with encouraging results. 爾 IBM is launching a multi-million pound joint venture with the institute for the

Development of Andalusia, and Expo '92, which is aimed at producing computers that, for the first time, will read, translate and even speak Spanish. The scheme, which involves the founding of

The University of

The centre, which will comprise an advanced technology unit and an advanced ceramics unit, aims to bring university and company staff into closer contact through the sharing of facilities.

a Language Technology Centre in Seville, will also try to tackle lesser-known regional dialects such as

Warwick, the Rover Group and Rolls-Royca, have founded an advanced technology centre for post graduate research. It was opened by the Prime Minister this week

Partners claim the centre is a unique project in the field of industry and academic

collaboration.

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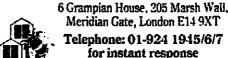
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Sport's chief talent scout for the Lord

We all call on the Lord at some time or another. "Good God" we will exclaim at yet another monumental interference with our well-ordered lives. "Heavens above," we may add, or perhaps "Lord, help me" as the children set fire to the kitchen or the golf clubs have been

Andrew Wingfield Digby, however, is a little different. He calls on the Lord every day but as one of His earthly lieutenants, not in quite the same way as the rest of us. He has dedicated his life to helping sportsmen and sportswomen from the highest level to the lowest.

He does not look much like a reverend. Six foot and something, no dog-collar but an open-necked shirt with a high-necked pullover that has clearly given yeoman service, he stands at the bar, orders a couple of pints and talks about cricket

"Diggers," the director of Christians in Sport, an Oxford Blue and still captain of Dorset's Minor Counties cricket side, never thrusts religion down anyone's throat. He waits for the subject to be raised and, until it is, cricket, or any other sport, is a welcome matter for

As Peter Roebuck, the Somerset batsman, says of this man who was chaplain to the English-speaking teams at the Olympics in Seoul and is friend to many of England's Test cricketers and other household names: "He has identified a need among players for something beyond their hazardous careers. He believes, and I think it is right,

that every county club should have a chaplain, just as every club has a doctor and a physiotherapist. Sportsmen are in need of mental and special care. It is not enough to offer bandages to men who risk success and failure, suitably stated in newspapers, every day of their lives."

The success of Digby's crusade can be gauged by the fact that cricket clubs like Gloucester, Yorkshire and Leicestershire and 35 of the 92 Football League clubs have a chaplain. Are they really needed?

"Yes, indeed," Digby says. "They are there as a friend, a pastoral safety-net, if required. They have, of course, to care, not be idolatrous or simply seeking a ticket for the next big match. And they have to cope with the bad language of the dressing-room — some vicars are shocked by all that.

"But players do have problems. Many, and real ones. By far the biggest number are marriage problems; there are lots of them. But they also have financial worries, a fear of injury and what happens when their careers end. Yes, they need a counsellor.

"The chaplain is like a vicar in a parish where the church has often been an irrelevance. He is not bible-bashing or



On a swing and a prayer: the Reverend Andrew Wingfield Digby takes a break from pondering on loftier things by addressing himself to the humbling game of golf

spilling the beans to the Press but winning their confidence. And increasingly the players are accepting him, coming to him as a friend.

However much some may at times embarrass me, I am always on the side of the players. Not as some moral force, but trying to make them use their talent constructively. Theirs is a God-given gift and cheating, for instance, damages that gift. We hope that players will ultimately see this for themselves; that there is no satisfaction in the job if they cheat. "Ten of England's track-and-field side

at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland are committed Christians. They names of sport have influence and therefore responsibility to be role models

Among those names few come bigger than Glenn Hoddle and Justin Fashanu, Alan Knott, John Barclay and Vic Marks, Bernhard Langer and Paul Azinger, Carl Lewis and Kris Akabusi, Dennis Ralston and Stan Smith, all active Christians trying to help their fellows to understand that winning is not

But that does not, in Digby's book, mean that you do not strive to win. No

one is a tougher competitor on the cricket field than he. Indeed, the rules of the Minor Counties Cricket championship are being changed because of him and one particular pursuit of

He found fame not, for once, having Eddie Barlow caught first ball, or for striking a four which Colin Cowdrey rated the best cover drive he had seen that season, but for conceding 14 successive wides that all went for four in a single over. Dorset had never beaten Cheshire and,

on this day, the latter, with six wickets down and still needing 111 runs, settled

for a draw. "Diggers" wanted a result victory would put them into the first round of the NatWest Cup.

So he bowled wide after wide until Cheshire needed only 52 off 10 overs and, of course, started to go for them. Inevitably, as Digby planned, they were bowled out. The Cheshire chairman left the ground "in outrage" and the Minor Counties are amending the rules to stop such a happening again, to the total disgust of the Dorset captain.

"That is disgraceful, quite draconian," he says. "Who is to say what is or isn't in

A Dorset man, Digby is the son of a sporting vicar who rode at Oxford and went on from his Sherborne parish to become archedeacon of Salisbury. He followed his father to Oxford with a passion for sport and a deep desire to be a journalist. But even The Field wouldn't give me a job - the Lord must-have had something else in mind for me," he laughs.

That "something" took shape when he met the Reverend David Sheppard, now Bishop of Liverpool. Sheppard, aheady an England cricketer, was also an old boy like Digby of Sherborne School and at that time was running the Mayflower Centre in Canning Town, London

Digby admits to being "like a fish out of water" in the concrete jungle of south London; but, working at a lavatory paper factory while also being general dogsbody at the family centre as he waited to go up to Oxford, he became a committed

Cricket remained a large part of his life. With Sheppard, he played for Canning Town and on bad wickets "Diggers" learnt that simply to bowl straight brought its own reward. That is all he has ever done decriping many a all he has ever done, deceiving many a batsman, since; and, as he closes on his fortieth birthday and his last season as Dorset captain, what he will do again

Digby has not changed overmuch down the years. He admits to a low laughter level, smiling readily, laughing often. His open, countryman's face creases as he recalls the Leicestershire. wicketkeeper, Roger Tolchard, rebuking him for "a mild but definitely un-Christian oath" when he was out

cheaply.

"Hey, I thought you were going to be a vicar," Tolchard said. "Vicars aren't meant to use language like that."
Digby says: "I was terribly ashamed of

myself. It is only when I drop a catch that I am really tested now." And he smiles

Digby has seen the seamy side of sport, enjoyed "some great days" at university playing with Imran Khan, Tavaré and Marks and speat the last few years based at Oxford trying "to create an effective ministry within sport" to motivate people's sporting talent, yet with a sense of playing to higher purpose. He does not believe in sitting in a corner and, with the world of sport at his parish, refuses so to

If no one wants to talk his busine then it is time for another pint and a chat about the game just gone. Should someone wish to look beyond the everopen door of this sporting missionary's world, he will put down his pint and give what help be can. As Roebuck said: "He helps many and harms no one."

COMMONWEALTH GAMES: BRITAIN'S LEADING WOMAN ATHLETE TO TRY OUT A NEW THROWING TECHNIQUE

Whitbread tests competitive arm

From David Powell, Athletics Correspondent, Sydney

Fatima Whitbread, Britain's Between the world champion-leading woman athlete of the ships of 1987 and the Olympics 1980s, who has been absent of 1988, Whitbread and her Fatima Whitbread, Britain's from international javelin com-petition for 16 months, has Sanderson, held between them advanced the date of her

Whitbread, who as recently as November was uncertain of her participation in the Commonwealth Games after a shoulder operation, said yesterday that her training had progressed so well that she intended to compete in the MBF Commonwealth Challenge meeting here

She does not expect to antances which made her European and world champion and Olympic runner-up at Seoul but believes that Sunday should tell her something about her prospects of winning her first Commonwealth title at the fourth attempt in Auckland in

just over a fortnight's time.
"I couldn't be stronger and she said, "But I need to be taken up a level or two and that can only be done in competition when the adrenalin is flowing and there is that added edge to make me perform well."

Whitbread needed only one local meeting in 1989 to achieve the second-longest throw of the year. But the 72.26 metres she threw at Grays in May, her only competition since Seoul, put her in hospital as she ripped the muscle away from the bone in her right shoulder.
"When I started to come back

I was told to forget the Commonwealth Games and think possibly of the European championships in August but since I got back my full mobility I have been throwing three times a week and now I have to test my arm in competition.

"I have to feel my way through it. The speed of release will be double what it is in training, so I have to know where I stand. Sunday is a big day for me but I don't expect too much. When you get off a bike and leave it for a while you feel wobbly when you get back on, and I'll just be happy to be back

CRAIG LORD on swimming

all four international champhome a bounty of medals from ionship titles. the Commonwealth Games at Auckland, but prospects for success among the Scots and rivalry that neither enjoyed and acrimony is still evident: Whitbread gibed recently that Welsh are slim With one of the largest and

Sanderson's participation at a lower level while she pursued a television career detracted from squads to compete in the event. the team stands to win many more than the six gold medals, seven silvers and eight bronzes Two polls to seek enthusiasts opinion on who the leading athletes of the 1980s were had of the 1986 Games in Edin-Whithread away ahead of Sanderson in the best British burgh. Seven new caps will join the team of 21 men and 20 women but the strength of woman category.
At 33 and with work as a England lies in their experienced sports news reader on Sky

spots news reader on Sky television beckoning stronger, this may be Sanderson's last chance of a significant win over Whitbread while the woman five years her junior familiarizes herself with a modified tech-nique which should reduce the chance of her injury recurring.
Sanderson, however, is not the formidable competitor that Petra Felke, the East German sports, the Wigan pair, Suki Brownsdon and June Croft (a world record holder, has be-

"I view the Commonwealth Games as a chance to get back into top competition without feeling threatened by the sort of distances Tessa will turn out - I don't feel she will throw any-where near distances Felke would," Whithread said.

She has had to accept a achieves a flatter throw. "Throwing is a whiplash movement and the last thing that comes in is the shoulder. I have had to adjust my line of movement. ment, making it slightly round-armed - it can't come over the top as it did before and I have to move my upper body slightly to the left to allow my arm to come through in a straight line.

"I might lose a little distance but it is an adjustment I have had to make. The fibres in my shoulder have been stitched and when I pull I am not getting that elasticity of movement. If I pull too hard, too fast, too soon whole thing could rip open."

Badminton confidence has a golden hue

Paul Whetnall, the England up can shake off the mighty ins and retain the team gold at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland later this

The team, five men and five women, flies to Auckland tomorrow confident it can better the nine medals won at the 1986 Games in Edinburgh. Malaysia - who did not enter

in 1986 - pose the biggest threat, with a team including men's doubles pair Razif and Jalani Sidek, the 1982 All England champions, and Foo ary 17 to 21.

Darren Hall are capable of beating Keong, and the biggest threat to Helen Troke's title comes from the English national champion, Fiona Smith, a silver medallist in 1986."

Hall, the European champion, said: "Our preparations have gone really well. We're con-fident we can fly the flag in New Baddeley took the men's title

in Edinburgh, and Gill Clark and Gill Gowers won the women's doubles. The team stop off to play in the Taiper Masters from Janu-

Kok Keong, the leading singles player.

Whetnail said: "Despite the presence of the Malaysians, we are confident of winning the team gold. Steve Baddeley and "Troke (Hampshire)."

Buddeley (Warwickshire), A Goode (Heritordshire), D Hell (Essex), M Johnson (Devon), Women: G Clairly, Sarkey (Langashre), F Smith (Guidford), H Troke (Hampshire).

Bounty hunters of England onwealth Games



most experienced England tradition of producing world-

internationals, headed by their captains, Adrian Moorhouse and Sharron Davies. Maggie Hobmann (née Kelly), from Nottungham, re-turns to New Zealand 15 years after competing at the 1974 Games at Christchurch. Since then. Hohmann has moved from sprint backstroke to sprint breaststroke as her main event. Reflecting the maturing of the

eteran of three Olympics), will reinforce the women's team. also adorn the much smaller Scots and Welsh teams, with Paul Brew, of Scotland, and Tony Day, of Wales, the leading

medal hopes.
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Commonwealth record: A Balidon (Aus), 22,54
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Moorhouse: men's captain

class breaststrokers Adrian Gillineham, of Birmineham for gold in the 100 metres and 200m breaststroke respectively.

Moorhouse, the Olympic champion at the sprint event, dominates the field with his Imin 01.49sec world record time. But he will have to avoid a repeat of his performance at last month's Europa Cup in Spain to be sure of victory. At that event proved fatal and Moorhouse ad to settle for silver.

His closest rival is his team-

mate. Gillingham, who is a safer bet for gold at the 200m event, standing almost three seconds ahead of the closest contender, Intense rivalry between the Australian and Canadian teams always comes to a head at the

Kevin Boyd, the 6ft 8in Commonwealth Games, doctor from Tyneside, will need RECORDS AND LEADING TIMES

200m Backstroke WOMEN

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Lawson (Aus) 1,04,10 200m Breaststroke World: M Barrowman (US), 2min 12.89sec

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Davies: women's captain

andAuckland should be no

exception. Canada start in pole

position in five men's events, to

Australia's four, excluding team

Australia are set again to

dominate the freestyle events,

with the sprinter. Andrew Baildon, favourite for the blue

riband 100m event and the 50m. However, Mike Fibbens, of

England, could take medals in

both events if he stays true to

trying to break the 15-minute

ast month be broke the world

record with 14min 54,4sec, only

to see it taken away on the technicality that world records

can only be ratified if the time is

registered electronically, or if there are three manual times taken by officials.

parrier in the 1,500m freestyle.

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Tewksbury and Gary Anderson, ead the backstroke rankings, followed closely by Paul Kingsman, of New Zealand. Gary Binfield, of England, who became the first Briton to break the two-minute barrier in the 200m event in a short-course pool (25m) last month, could present a serious threat. One omission from the rankings list is John Davey, of

England, whose impressive performance at the British national championships in November put him in a key position to challenge for titles in the 200m and 400m individual medley. Sharron Davies will be look ing to recapture the 200m individual medley title she won

at the Games in 1978. Last year saw the Olympic silver medal winner prove her critics wrong by launching a successful comeback after eight years. Davies is one of several British women who will take on

punishing race schedules atAuckland. She will compete in the 100m freestyle and 200m backstroke as well as team races. Caroline Woodcock, born in

Swaziland and and swimming for England, is favourite for gold in the 50m freestyle. She will need to get back to her Commonwealth record time of 26.01sec to secure victory, however. Brownsdop and Croft are strong medal contenders in the 100m and 200m breaststroke and 100m and 200m freestyle respectively.

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Flight plan works well for Wizards

By Colin McQuillan

Nothing is going to stop Leekes The London side won all five Welsh Wizards taking the rubbers against their visitors Firmm's Premiere Squash from Surbiton in just two hours the team manager, who stretched his emergency budget by flying in his regular fifth string, Mark Maclean, to complete a 5-0 win over Embassy Edgbaston Priory at Cardiff. "This was our first com-

prehensive league victory," Ed-wards said. "Well worth the money to stay at the top of the table in style. We haven't broken out the champagne yet but the adrenalin is certainly

Maclean set out for Cardiff from his Edinburgh home by road early on Tuesday morning, but his sponsored car broke down after a half-hour. "He went back and got another car from his sponsors, but that broke down too." Edwards said. "So I told him to get on the next internal flight to Cardiff and blow the expense." Maclean was still in the air over Cardiff 25 minutes before

the 6.30 registration deadline on Tuesday evening. "He ran in the door just as I was about to announce a team change to the "I just had time to chastise him for unprofessional organization before he went on

to beat Rob Shay 9-2, 9-2, 9-7 at the start of our first league whitewash. I am too happy now to consider disciplinary action. The emergency fund will have to stand the strain." The Cardiff result kept the Wizards three points ahead of UTC Cannons who also won 5-0

against Weir Systems Surrey in the shortest Pimm's match on

record.

League championship out of of play, finishing the entire England for the first time, match before results of first according to Robert Edwards, rubbers elsewhere were logged, the team manager, who Paul Carter, the former national champion who has been innight marathons at second . . . string, completed his quickest league victory by beating Jona-than Lilley 9-5, 9-6, 9-2 in 27

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At Manchester, Village Lei-sure Hotels ended the hopes of the defending champions, Lambs Club with a 3-2 win, and were grateful for the strength at second string of Philip Whitlock who defeated Chris Walker 9-5. 4-9, 9-2, 9-0. Lambs are now 22 points off the league leadership and there are suggestions that Chris Dittmar, their first string, may not return from Australia for the remainder of the season. • Philip Whitlock is to seek

legal advice after being dropped from the national ranking list for refusing to enter the unsponsored SRA championships at Newcastle.

Alison Cumings, the former England international who entered the national champion-ships but withdrew at the last minute, claiming she would have lost money travelling to Newcastle, has also been dropped from the rankings. She has also been fined £50.

RESULTS: Leakes Weish Wizzrds 5, Embassy Edgleston Priory 0; Village Leisure Hotels 3, Lambs Club 2, UTC Cannons 5, Weir Systems Surrey 0. League positions: Leekes Welah Wizards 47pts: UTC Carmons 44; Village Leisure Hotels 41; GT Superlings Abbeydale 28; Lambs Cub 25; Allsports Northern 13; Embassy Edgbaston Priory 12; Welr Systems Surrey 9.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless Stated **RUGBY UNION** HOSPITALS CUP: First round: St Barmolomew's v King's College (2.15). RUGBY LEAGUE SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Keighley Rochdele Hornels (7.30).

OTHER SPORT DARTS: World professional champion-ships (Frinley Green). SQUASH: Snauwaer! Young Masters invitation (East Grinstead). SNOCKER: Mercantile Credit Classic (Norbreck Castle, Blackpool). TABLE TEMMS: England v Crima (Gates-

need;. VOLLEYBALL: Women's international tournament (Gitlans, Manchester).

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 810am, 2.15-4.15 and 7.30-9.30cm; Natlonal Footbell Lengue: AFC Play-offs, and
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POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 7-8pm.

RIGHY LEAGNE: Screensport 6-7-30pm; Wighty & Fractord Northern.

SKIMOZ: Europeort 11.mm-midday: World Cup: Highlights of the Hier's downhild from Schladening.

SNOOKER: ITV 1.30-3.25pm and 11.05pm-12.30pm. Marcandie Creek.

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SNOOKER: HIGHLIGHT 1.30-3.25pm and 11.05pm-12.30pm. Marcandie Creek.

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TABLE TENNES: Europport 12-1pm; High-lights of the Stigs Grand Prix finals from Pages Pars.
TEMBES: Eurosport 2-3pm: Best of The Art Year: Highlights of Sinchez Vicario v Art Graf from the French Open, Parle.
TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurosport 3-4pm Sport from around the world.
UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm. d his father to Oxford

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CRICKET: THE TCCB HAS SPENT £10,000 ON SPECIAL TRAINING FOR ENGLAND'S TOURING TEAMS TO WEST INDIES AND ZIMBABWE THIS WINTER

England never more prepared

By Alan Lee Cricket Correspondent

g vicar who rode at Oxford of archedeacon of Salisbury If England's looming camd his tather to Oxford in for sport and a deep desire in state of the fact of paign in the Caribbean results in the sad and familiar story of shell-shocked submission. then at least no one can say they went unprepared. This Reverend David Sheppard and cricketer, was also an old was the promise of the team's new hierarchy some months ago and yesterday, when their training camp at Lilleshall was open to inspection, it was plainly a promise fulfilled.

shy of Sherborne School and the was running the Maybe Late tours, such as this y admits to being like a fine winter's trips to the West Indies for the senior squad r in the concrete jungle of in in the concrete jungle of the it, but, working at a lavatory had while also being general the family centre as he waitly Oxford, he became a comming and Zimbabwe for the A team, afford an unusual opportunity for group preparation. Never before has the chance been so eagerly accepted. This week's programme at the National Sports Centre is the climax of a six-week spread of training at six centres around the

It has cost the Test and County Cricket Board more than £10,000 simply to get a. since: and, as no closes only birthday and his last seasons captain, what he will do appear their players in shape but it is unarguably money well spent. One has to do no more than has not changed overned be years. He admits to a le look at them to appreciate their level of fitness. To talk to them, however, indicates that the benefits of their intensive schedule run far deeper than simple physical wellbeing. Already, even before the players pack their bags, they are acting and feeling like a team. n oath when he was a Ted Dexter, chairman of the

I thought you were going to let Tolchard said vicars and o use language like that says: "I was tembly ashande to construct the language of the construction is done a construction." England committee, was him-self at Lilleshall yesterday, nodding vigorously in agree-ment as his new captain, It is only when I drop a catching ally rested now." And he said Graham Gooch, extolled the virtues of the scheme. "In any chosen sport the players will train together before a major has seen the seamy side of spor "Some grez: days" at univers event so we are not doing with imran Khan, Tavare as anything revolutionary," he and spent the last few years bee pointed out. "But this week has given us an important Anispira 2502, 10 months chance to get to know each other far better than before."

Sporting with a see age in manner purpose. He does mentor at Essex and now in sitting in a corner and, while coach to the youthful England f sport at his parish, refuser so A squad, added: "Taroughout my career I have believed that one wants to talk his busing if players get on well together stime for another pun and ads they will perform better for it.
The party just gone. Shool That has been part of Essex's e wish to look beyond the construct. I have been very imee woll gut el wo his pintandgre here." ig nie dan ein Roebuck seit 't

The enforced togetherness of the 31 players who make up the two sides has obvious advantages in simulating a touring environment, far though the green fields and wintry landscapes of Shrop- than it has ever been from our



Tips from the top: Gooch and DeFreitas pay full attention as Geoff Boycott punches home a point at the Lilleshall nets

shire may seem from their foreign destinations. In their £23-a-day billets at Lilleshall (remarkably cheap considering all meals and full use of the facilities are included) the chosen men have spent the days practising cricket and the evenings talking about it.

Micky Stewart, the England team manager and the organizational force behind the project, was anxious to play down the suggestion that he had made some sort of breakthrough. "I consider it to be a normal, common-sense procedure," he insisted.

Stewart is in his element during an operation such as this and he spoke enthusiastically of some of its aims. "Test cricket is further away

own county programme so, for instance, we have taken the strengths of each of our batsmen and worked on how they can best use them in a Test situation. Fletcher continued the

theme. "Our county programme is so hectic and so mixed that even the best players will develop bad habits. They may not know it themselves and this sort of session pinpoints the flaws and irons them out."

If Fletcher himself is playing a part so too is an impressive collection of the country's finest coaches, including Geoff Arnold for the bowlers. Alan Knott for the wicketkeepers and Geoff Boycott for the batsmen.

surprised many who believed him jealously unwilling to share his store of experience. Boycott's response is that he had never previously been asked. Now that he has been recruited, however, his input is visibly immense. Mark Nicholas, captain of

the A team, enthuses: "He has been so good on the psychology of batting. In the nets he will whip up a bowler to fire the ball in shorter, really putting a batsman through the mill. But when it is over he wili teli him that be has just achieved the equivalent of batting until lunch on the first day at Sabina Park."

Boycott has made use of the video facilities and spent full Boycott's participation has evenings dissecting a bats-

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standards I am famous for, quite spart from my injury," he said.

Qadir, aged 34, Pakistan's second-highest wicket taker in Test matches, was due to fly home today. His captain, Imran Khen said it me pointless for and genuinely entertaining. At stake is the right to be called the second best Test side in the world - anyway, until England start beating West Indies in a few weeks time. Even after Sydney had awarded his Australian team a Khan, said it was pointless for the wrist spinner to stay on because he would not be lit for the Tests. "From the team point ticker-tape reception, upon their return from England with the Ashes last September, Allan Border counselled restraint. We got the ball rolling with a of the view, it's not that big a blow," he said. West Indies at Bridgetown in April 1988. Australia, all the same, have

From John Woodcock

Melbourne

In theory, the three-match Test

series between Australia and Pakistan, beginning here tomor-

row, should be closely fought

good performance in England," he said. "If we can overcome Pakistan we shall deserve to be rated highly. But not before." What has happened since then has confirmed just how spine-less England were: both New Zealand in one Test match and Sri Lanka in two, have given the Australians a much harder fight. Imran Khan, for his part, has long expressed a burning desire to beat Australia in Australia. To do so would crown his brilliant career. It will be a long time before Pakistan can boast another like him — only Hafeez Kardar has ever come anywhere near to exerting a comparable authority over a Pakistan side and next month, as likely as not, Imran will call it a day. He is 37, and, if he does, Ms Benazir Bhutto will know better than to try and emulate the late General Zia by obliging him to change

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Although hardly a week passes these days without bringing some sort of international ricket, it is six years since Pakistan played a Test match in Australia. Now that they have the chance of doing so again, it seems rather to have caught them on the hop. Imran is not quite the bowler he was and it looks very unlikely that Salim Malik, their best young bats-man, will arrive from Pakistan, where he has recently had his tonsils out, in time to play tomorrow. Ramiz Raja, another gifted batsman, is also out of action, the trouble in his case being a dislocated shoulder.

In the three weeks they have been here, Imran's side have shown no form whatever, and although that of itself does not necessarily mean very much (England had shown equally little before winning the first Test match in Brisbane three years ago) I am not sure that even at their best Pakistan would have the bowling to win this series on the pitches they may expect to be presented with. Against that, they have become a difficult side to beat. Of their last 27 Test matches they have lost only one — by two wickets to

Batting power is chance likely to thwart to be on Imran's ambition the line Melbourne (AFP) - Abdui Qadir yesterday pulled out of the

tour because he is out of form and has a damaged finger. "I wasn't bowling well, not to the

to be favourities. They, too, were unbeaten in 1989, and unless Mushtaq Ahmed, a Qadir clone

just summoned from Pakistan, is a surprise packet, there is no department in which Border's looks the weaker side. I have yet

to be convinced that they bowl particularly well (except for Alderman in England), but they are full of confidence, as keen as

mustard, and by any standards, contemporary or otherwise, they have developed an authentically strong batting line-

Very seldom in Test cricket

can five of a country's first six batsmen have had such success

as Taylor, Jones, Boon, Waugh as laylor, Jones, Boon, Waugh and Border did last year. Taylor scored 1,219 Test runs at an average of 64.16, Jones 1,099 at 73.27, Waugh 865 at 86.50,

Boon 957 at 59.81 and Border 818 at 68.17. In 10 of their last

11 Test matches they have made totals of over 400, seven of them

over 500. Even Marsh, the odd man out, shared in an opening stand of 329 against England at Trent Bridge. What is more, they make their runs well — with

lightish bats and a proper regard

What may be causing most concern in Australian cricket at

the moment are the attendance figures. The three Test matches

against New Zealand and Sri

Lanka, at Perth, Brisbane and

Hobart, attracted a total of 73,337 customers, a daily av-

erage of 4,889.
This although Australia's doings in England last summer

gave the game here such a welcome boost. If they stay

away from tomorrow's match as well, Melbourne's claims as "the

greatest sporting city in the world" will not look so good.

● ADELAIDE: Nisal Sena

ratne, manager of the Sri Lanka touring team, yesterday exon-erated Aravinda de Silva follow-

ing after the clash with Rod Tucker, the Tasmanian bowler.

The Sri Lankans start a two-day match against the Australian

Cricket Academy here today.

for the textbook.

are available to readers of The Times. This year we are teaming op with Unisys Computers to offer 12 piaces for runners with worthwhile causes to support.

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Those among the 76,000 applicants for whom places could not be found in the world's biggest marathon on April 22 will have received letters of rejection by now. This announcement offers them another chance to be on the start

We are looking for fundrunners who have a particular cause at heart and who are not among the 34,000 — compared with some 32,000 in the previou London Marathon - assured of

their places.

In conjunction with Unisys, which provides the complete competing facilities for the build-up, running and results of the race, we have secured 12 positions on the start line. These will go to the people who convince the judges that their causes are the most worthy of The Times/Unisys London Marathon Appeal. Marathon Appeal.

The marathon is to be spon-

sored for the second year by ADT, which is keen to maintain the fund-raising side of the event as well as provide an attractive elite race. The two official charities nominated by ADT are the Community Action Trust (CAT) and Reach for the Sky, the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund's Battle of Britain Appeal. CAT is the charity behind the "Crimestoppers" initiative. which, since its launch in Janu-ary 1988, has been responsible

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UNISYS Marathon Appeal

leading to the clearing of 3,500 crimes and the recovery of £2.7

million of stolen goods.

The Reach for the Sky appeal aims to raise £20 million in 1990 to help the fund care for the courageous men and women who served in the RAF from the Second World War to the present, and who now need belp. This is the tenth anniversary of the London Marathon and the race director, Chris Brasher, is attempting to see that most of the champions of the decade

We welcome applications from runners supporting not only national and local charities but local projects and individual adventures too. Last year our causes ranged from Dr Barnardo's to Save the Rhino. All causes will be considered.

A personal computer system will be presented by Unisys to the top fund-raiser from our 12, to be donated to the cause supported. A crate of champersonal reward. There will be prizes of a jeroboam of cham-pagne for the second highest fund-raiser and a magnum of champagne for the third All you have to do is explain, in not more than 200 words, why

you and the campaign you support deserve one of The Times/Unisys places in the ADT London Marathon. Your letter must also note the full address of your chosen charity, or other beneficiary of your effort, your name, address and day-time telephone number, date of birth, experience of distance running and willingness to run in the marathon.

Letters should be sent to The Times/Unisys London Marathon Appeal. Sports Department, *The Times*, Pennington Street, London El 9XN, to arrive not later than January 13. Entries will be examined by a panel of judges including Tom Clarke, Sports Editor of The Times, Martin Sexton, Unisys Director of Company Communications, and David Powell, Athletics Correspondent of The

From the entries they will select a shortlist of people who will be checked for their suitability of their chosen campaign. When the short-list has been examined, we will publish the names of the 12 winners and their causes. Each will be fea-tured in *The Times*. The judges'

RUGBY LEAGUE

at mercy of committee

second long ban of the season if he is found guilty by the committee. The New Zealander. who took over as temporary player-coach last week when Alex Murphy and Saints parted company, was sent off for tripping against Leigh last Sun-day. Also appearing before the committee on a charge of tripping in the same match will be

Joe Lydon, the international full back, and lan Lucas, the forward are in doubt for Wigan against Halifax in Saturday's Regal Trophy final at Headingley, but Shaun Edwards and Andy Gregory, the Great expected to play.

Aspects of change to take sport into the 1990s A leap into the Rates threat to voluntary clubs Memories of

the London Sports Medicine Institute Sir, In the last of their articles "Sport and Us" (January 5), Sebastian Coe and Daley Thompson articulated thoughtfully and dispassionately their hopes for the 1990s. I suspect winside sport would dissent from their analysis. May I add

my voice in support of their powerful plea for improvements n medical help and at the same athletes and others that "there is ight at the end of the tunnel". Having operated in the interational arena, albeit as a rugby referee, and having spent many years in sports administration,

inter alia as chairman of Lilleshall NSC, where I helped the FA set up its rehabilit unit, I am sympathetic to the calls for improvements in the field of sports medicine. It was this reason that I was persuaded, on leaving the Bad-minton Association of England, to become general secretary of the London Sports Medicine Institute. Here, under the energetic and sympathetic chair-manship of Mrs Mary Glen Haig—amember of the IOC—a council, comprising extremely

cal profession and of sport, aims to make the LSMI the catalyst Size and siz for some of the changes for which these two sports superstars plead so persuasively. Set up three years ago with a grant from the GLC, the LSMI

REGULATION NAME OF THE PARTY OF securely based in the Medical College of St Bartholomew's Hospital – has become a unique Centre for sports medicine, not only in London but also within the UK, forging in the process useful links with the national and international sporting and ical communities, Its dayto-day work and research programme is supervised by Dr Dan Taustall Pedoe, the medical director of the London Marathon. The institute has its own reference library, a physio-logical testing and teaching laboratory, seminar rooms and a

clinical examination room. Series of lectures, open to all are part of the training of groups of doctors who attend the society of Apothecaries diploma in sports medicine.

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what Sep Coe demands — the preparation of a network and register of specialists "into which all levels of sporting talent and their coaches and doctors can plug themselves and get the best and the appropriate help when it is needed."

In three short years the LSMI has proved the validity and the concept of a regional sports medicine institute. It is our aim the Sports Council, the BOA. parties, including major governing bodies of sport, to translate into a national sports medicine institute serving the entire country. The GLC grant will not last for ever and soon I shall be this London-orientated body ever and soon I shall be appealing — again to quote Coe
— "to public and private
sources" for financial support to assist in mounting this project. The LSMI recognizes, like Coe and Thompson, that its work has and will result in "improvements of standards and knowledge". The future benefits to sport from a national body, properly funded, will indeed be

of the greatest significance. Yours sincerely, LARRY" LAMB. General Secretary. London Sports Medicine

c/o Medical College of St Bartholomew's Hospital, From Mr E. J. Creek.
Sir, Whilst reading the Sport
and Us article "A Cavalier Age in Need of a Puritan Ethic" by Sebastian Coe (January 4), the thought occurred to me that perhaps the pendulum is, at last, beginning to swing back to that of the days where fair play was in vogue, when the spirit of these earlier Corinthian Casuals was abroad in the air, when the great F. N. S. (Norman) Creek was the accepted authority on

When I was a teacher (I am retired) I tried to instil the idea of "Playing the Game" into my young charges. Other influence however, worked against that principle. Is it possible that "... how you play the game" is becoming important again? Yours sincerely.

our national game (apologies to

J. CREEK 24 Jersey Gardens, Wickford, Essex. From Mr Andrew Sceats

Sir, Sebastian Coe feels he and Daley Thompson are "old warriors" trying to set the sporting world to rights (January 3 to 5). The Times obviously does not consider them has beens, as it has allocated so much space to their opinions. I hope they appreciate their privilege, as many great competitors from many other sports would give their eye-teeth for such expositie.

In days gone by, sportsmen and women remained largely silent, and let their sporting achievements speak for themselves. The media used to encourage their dignified reti-cence. Some of Mr Coe's comments made me wish that this were still so. He dismisses snooker and

The state of the form the General Secretary of cine, the institute is also darts as sports, despite their wrong decade From the Honorary Secretary of the mercy of local councillors by Charles Burton Sportshelp The Forder Secretary of the mercy of local councillors by Charles Burton From Mr Anthony Sabiston and Mr Philip England

following, and their high skill levels. The government ev-idently shares his view, and the result is the situation in which our top chess players, despite exemplary international successes, fail to gain grants even for travel to major tournaments, because they fail to fit into accepted categories of grantaided sports.

I cannot help remembering the petulant protestations about never wearing a British vest again which followed Mr Coe's failure to gain Olympic selection in 1988. Many of us in this country waited in vain for the head-to-bead race between our great middle-distance runners of the 1980s which never hap-Games until it was too late to be

Judging by the speed with which a heavily-funded race between Ben Johnson and Carl Lewis is being mooted, just as a post-1984 race-off between Mary Slaney and Zola Budd was organized for similarly inflated fees, money definitely rules in athletics. Mr Coe criticizes the ethic of winning at all costs. He criticizes drug-taking, but makes no mention of the ethics of taking legal pain-killing drugs in order to compete, as one British silver medal-winning athlete did

at the 1988 Olympics. Competitors in all top-level sports have always wanted to win, and considered second place nowhere. Television and rich financial rewards have sharpened their resolve in those sports privileged by media coverage and consequent bottomless sponsorship. Is Mr Coe really separate from these motivations, or has he been more than slightly dishonest in

his writings?

The Times should now give adequate space for the opinions of competitors in less highly marketed (and therefore marketable) sports. Possible contributors would certainly include any of the disabled sports competitors, and Mike Mc-Intyre and Bryn Vaile, whose achievement in winning Britain's first Olympic gold medal ever for Star class yachting was completely drowned, mediawise, by the more "newsworthy" story of Ben Johnson's disgrace. It is high time that the sporting Press got their priorities right.

ANDREW SCEATS, 62 Lulworth Avenue. Hounslow, Middlesex. From Mr R. G. Dawson

Sir, Thank you for your series of articles on sport in the 1990s. David Miller's (January 2) ought to be compulsory reading for chairmen, managers. promoters, agents and all those other people in sport today e interest is mainly financial Schastian Coe's (January 4) might bring a ray of hope to the secretaries of the thousands of real amateur clubs, and to the cames masters of those schools that still manage to play team games. Yours faithfully,

R. G. DAWSON.

Bickley, Keut.

15 Brookmead Avenue,

Sir, As a couple of interested. retired Kiwi sportsmen, we are somewhat confused as to the source of information that Sebastian Coe and Daley Thompson used for their article "A cavalier age in need of a puritan ethic" (January 4). Of grave concern to us is the ference to Andy Haden, one of New Zealand's greatest lock forwards, and his acting ability

in removing himself unaided the Fighties. This event, which match-winning penalty, kicked of our knowledge occurred dur-ing the magnificent grand slam tour of the All Blacks in 1978. While it is acknowledged that this event was one of poor sportsmanship, surely one of the most disreputable "low spots" of sport in the 1980s, not mentioned in the article, also involved Brian McKechnie. This occurred in the New Zea-land 1980-81 cricket season in a one-day international between Australia and New Zealand. To prevent New Zealand winning the match by hitting a six off the last ball of the match, a most unlikely prospect in any event, Trevor Channell was instructed by his brother Greg to bowl the final ball underarm. A truly "low spot" for cricket in the

In conclusion, we offer one final comment and that is our surprise of Messrs Coe and Thompson's choice of sports men of the decade in the previous day's article. Again, to the best of our knowledge, Muhammed Ali fought only one fight in the Eighties, against the formidable Larry Holmes. And the result - he lost!

Yours faithfully ANTHONY SABISTON PHILIP ENGLAND, 82 Ringfield Road, SW18. From Mr B. Winstanley Sebastian Coe recalls as one of his "bleak images" (January 4), Andy Haden's infamous dive at Cardiff Arms Park. I believe he is wrong in his assertion that this action gained a penalty which gave the All Blacks a

As I recall, the referee penalized the Welsh lock, Geoff Wheel, for jumping off the shoulder of his opposite, Frank Oliver, at the same lineout. Haden's drive was either unnoticed or ignored by the referce and certainly had no influence on the result

Yours faithfully B. WINSTANLEY, 12 St James Street, W6

Personal touch From Mr Adrian Kozlowski Sir, Possible remark to rheard on the cricket field this year, from any captain to his fielder: "The batsperson has noticed you're in no person's land. Will you please stay in your position at third person." Yours sincerely, ADRIAN KOZLOWSKI. 57 Dads Lane, Moseley, Birmingham.

Sir, Since January 1 there has been massive coverage in the Press and other media concerning the effects of the revaluation of non-domestic properties on business premises such as shops, offices and industrial premises. All the foregoing have the facility to pass on any increase to the consumer if they so wish. Since the new rates were announced on January 2, nothing has been reported of the plight of a group of organizations which has been press-ganged into the realms of "business properties" without operating as businesses, in that

and Gooch, never personally

close when they opened to-

gether for England, have now come noticeably together for

the good of the team. The captain says: "Geoff has been

very constructive. He has so

much to offer and I hope he

will continue to help for some

So, for the moment, all

things seem possible, even

defeating the West Indies on

their own patch. The ragtag outfit thrashed by Australia last summer has had a thor-

ough overhaul and a refit of

lost confidence. It may not

alter the outcome when the

serious business begins next

month but, at the very least, it

might sustain spirit a little

time to come.'

there are no profits to distribute. with the ramifications of the new valuations compiled by the Inland Revenue and the com-plicated calculations of the transitional phasing arrangements of the new rating system for the next few years, followed by the prospect of ever increasing rate demands to a fantastic

I refer, of course, to the many hundreds of thousands of vol untary organizations of which sports clubs form a major part which now have to pay the same nesses both large and small, without the same facility to hive off any increase which will occur in the future. These organizations ar already operating at marginal levels of finance due to the increasing fiscal and financial demands in the present economic turmoil of

Such clubs and organizations cannot raise their prices for the service they give to the community. They provide facilities and amenities which are not generally provided by local authorities in sufficient quantity to cope with the demand. Increases in subscriptions only result in diminishing returns so far as membership is concerned. Most clubs are already operating at marginal levels of finance and are on the verge of bankruptcy. This new situation could well be

the last straw. The Government, in Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, together with its accompanying regulations which offer financial inducements to local authorities, has attempted to cushion the blow to voluntary organizations by "encouraging" local authorities to adopt discretionary rate re-lief, which non-profitmaking voluntary organizations are entitled to claim under the act.

However, most local authorities throughout the country have, so far, refused to do so. Councils of all political persua sions have consistently refused. so it is a matter which crosses political boundaries. Authorities have varying opinions and schemes, but most councils refuse any rate relief

whatsoever.

By refusing to operate a system of mandatory relief, which was advocated by all the national sporting bodies and voluntary organizations in the country before the act was passed, the Government threw the voluntary organizations to

This has developed into situation which has squeezes sports clubs and organizations between the political and economic necess of Government towards the cratic activities of local government, whose members cannot be persuaded to introduce a scheme of relief. If local councils of all political

persuasions do not look sympathetically at this matter then sports clubs and similar community groups will suffer as a result.

The effects of the current revaluation will be felt in the voluntary sector long after the transitional phasing arrange-ments of the UBR have ceased to have any influence. Most especially by those clubs in local authorities which persist in denying non-profit-making organizations their rights of relief from rates under the 1988

The immediate problem arises from the revaluation of all non-domestic properties by the Inland Revenue, many of which will be crippling for the clubs concerned. The problem in the future will be when the Govern-ment increases the rate in the pound beyond the low level which it has now announced, of 34.8p for England and 36.4p for Wales. Levels which have been set to pacify the business world

for the moment. Some examples of increases in rateable values from my own part of the country are as

One small angling club is rated for fishing rights on the pond it owns: the revaluation has increased its rateable value 35 times, from £10 to £350. • Similarly, a non-profit-making bowls and football club has been increased from £400 to

• A rugby union club has been set at £16,000 from a previous level of less than £2,000, and a golf club has been increased from £3.800 to £31.800. No doubt, clubs and organizations in the south east

have suffered far more drastic There appears to be no set

pattern of increase as organizations following similar sports and pastimes have received widely differing levels of increase regardless of area property values. From inspection of the rating

list there will be gainers and losers, both of whose gains and losses will be reduced by transitional phasing. In the long run they will all be losers. The only hope for commu-nity-based, voluntary, non-

profit-making organizations to continue to provide a service to the educational, cultural and recreational life of the country is for local councillors to exercise their discretion favourably when they consider cases for discretionary rate relief under the terms of the 1988 act. Yours faithfully,

E. T. CRUTCHLEY, Woodley, Stockport, Cheshire.

From Mr John H. McArdle Sir, I must be one among very many who read your notice of the death of Charles Burton (January 2) and remembered him with affection and gratitude for the service he offered with his Public Schools Wanderers teams to the unattached rugbyplaying servicemen passing through London or, as the war was running down, seconded to the services ministries in the

Everyone was sure of a welcome under Charles Burton's wing and the near coarse performer enjoyed the memorable experience of taking the field alongside players of national and subsequently international

Add to this the social package that went with Charles - the Saturday night steaks at 57 Fetter Lane and the interchange with Mooney's Bar next door. the carol singing in Gypsy Hill and the damp introduction of colonials to The Muffin Man and, for the stranded, shelter

This is not something those of us felt from those days will forget and we and hundreds of players who played sub-sequently for the Wanderers honour and respect the memory of Charles Burton. JOHN H. McARDLE, Laylands, Holkham Road, Wells next the Sea,

Waxing lyrical

From Mr D. J. W. Bridge Sir. Whilst reluctant to point top-class sportsmen in the direction of yet another whim of dress, manner and style particularly top class cricketer I must nevertheless correct Mr G Dodds (Sports Letters, January 4) concerning the business of moustaches and the ladies. What Kipling wrote was: "Being kissed by a man who didn't wax his moustache was - like eating an egg without salt". (He also wrote about "flannelled fools at the wicket" - but that is quite another matter). Yours faithfully DEREK BRIDGE

Lone Acre. Tinney's Lane Sherbourne, Dorsel

Left with guidance From Mr Norman de Mesquita Sir, In answer to Mr Hennessy (Sports Letters, January 4), the reason for the preponderance of left-hand shots in ice hockey is purely technical.
As in cricket, if a batsman is

playing correctly, the top hand is the one that controls the shot, so in ice bockey, the top hand is the crucial one and a right-handed person will shoot left. The only thing I have ever done left-handed is hold an ice hockey stick.

NORMAN DE MESQUITA, Sports Letters may be sent

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Yours faithfully

St Helens

By Keith Macklin

St Helens seem likely to have serious selection problems for their Silk Cut Challenge Cup preliminary-round tie against Castleford at Knowsley Road on Sunday. Injuries leave them with only 15 fit players, and there will be a crucial meeting of the disciplinary committee at Leeds tonight which could deny them two key players. Shane Cooper could face his

Les Quirk, the wing. Jonathan Griffiths is to have a

groin operation tomorrow.

RUGBY UNION: SQUAD FOR 1991 WILL UNDERGO PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TRAINING FOR PRESSURE OF BEING 'ON TOUR' WHILE AT HOME

England map out a lengthy preparation Macdonald for the World Cup

England yesterday announced tour to Argentina, home details of an 18-month games against the Barbarians preparation for the 1991 and Argentina, the 1991 five World Cup, during which a squad of about 45 players will another game after that, posbe expected to follow a work sibly against the Spanish. programme related to their

physical and mental state. Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, who discussed the plans with the players who formed the training camp in Lanzarote last weekend, emphasized the intense nature of the programme and the additional pressure of being "on tour" while at home which none of the players have yet experienced.

He stressed that the plans were conditional upon England playing well in the comnetition, but that, broadly, they encompassed five ele-ments: physical and mental conditioning, positional skills, team development, and the structure of the edministration.

Eighteen months is an ideal macro-cycle so that the players arrive in October 1991 at a peak they have never previously achieved," Cooke

The programme will start in May and will be phased over the following 18 months, taking in the representative commitments during that period. These include the July

Clubs told to respect referees

By David Hands

Players and coaches throughout England are to be reminded of the duty they owe to referees. In the wake of two incidents at Llanelli and Neath during the recent New Zealand tour, when match officials were jostled and, in one case, kicked as they were leaving the field, the Rugby Football Union has written to every club about the attitude

"Referees have become rather sensitive about what has hap-pened in society in general, and rugby union in particular," Don Rutherford, the RFU technical administrator, said yesterday. "The letter is to remind coaches

and players that the referee is there to enjoy his 80 minutes and expects to be looked after by the club he is visiting.

"It is sometimes disturbing to hear, particularly after league talk to the referee. The referee is coaches and players would do better to button their lips and concentrate on skills, ensure their teams know the laws and perform to their optimum

Rutherford said he was "horrified" by the crowd's behaviour when Neath played the All Blacks and the RFU letter points out that: "slating or deriding referees at any time is unacceptable behaviour in our game but, at a time where there is a serious shortage of recruits into refereeing, it is nothing short of stupidity."

The England women's team,

performing above expectations, stimulated a major row on the second day of the NEC grand prix international tournament

at the G-Mex centre in

Having been given the hon-our of playing in the tournament

against four of the world's

leading nations. England "abused" the privilege by win-ning the first set of their match

against the mighty Cubans yes-terday 15-12 in what was one of

their finest hours on court.

That was all the court time

they had been allocated. Expect-

ing an easy straight sets victory

for the Cubans, the organizers had not catered for the match

the Cubans had come back in

typically explosive fashion to lead 12-15, 15-0, 15-1 — there

were some extraordinary scenes. Amid some confusion, the or-ganizers allowed the Canadian

squad to commandeer the court

and England's fixture with Cuba

had to be abandoned before it

Paul Moss, the team manager,

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summed up the frustration in

hich they had been allocated

At the end of the third set -

going beyond the hour.

"The last phase of the preparations will start on August 10 next year," Cooke said. "The teams assemble for the World Cup on September 27 and we have to consider how to get practice games in before we face New Zealand on October 3.

"Although we must clarify what the regulations allow, we believe the last date upon which we can play any kind of international side will be September 7, and we would also look at some form of domestic opponents after that before facing the All Blacks."
The Rugby Football Union

is seeking an appropriate training camp outside London, probably on the South Coast, where the squad will stay, moving into London the day before their qualifying games at Twickenham.

In those matches England will take on New Zealand, European zone qualifiers on October 8, and American zone qualifiers on October 11. Victory in all three games would avoid a quarter-final against France, although they would

Cooke has consulted David Whittaker, the coach to the Great Britain hockey squad, about preparations for a world tournament, and is consid-

ering an improved psychological approach. "We have to give more attention to the mental preparation. Internationals are so different from club games and we don't offer players a lot of help at the moment. The World Cup will be a level of intensity none of

them have experienced before,

not even those who played in

There will be positional skills clinics during the com-ing summer which will also involve younger players, some of whom may be involved in the two under-21 fixtures at the end of this season against the Netherlands in Leiden on April 29 and the French Armed Forces under-21s on May 12 at a French venue to be decided.

The senior clubs in England will be made aware of the World Cup plans, which will remove their best players, and the RFU competitions subcommittee, which meets to-day, will decide what reorganization of the league programme is necessary in the

Cornwall drawn to repeat April glory

By David Hands

The draw for the semi-finals of the Toshiba county championship opens up the possibility of another splendid north-south encounter such as that enjoyed at Twickenham last year. Corn-wall, the beaten finalists in 1989, will play either Middlesex or Hampshire at Redruth on March 3, while Lancashire entertain Warwickshire at a

venue to be confirmed. in terms of promotion of the county game, Sandy Sanders, the president of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), who made the draw at Twickenham, could not have contrived better. The fourth semi-finalist will be decided on January 31 when Middlesex and Hampshire play off for the championship of the London division.

Last April Cornwall brought some 20,000 followers to Twickenham for the final and, though they were disappointed to see their county lose to Durham, they ensured one of the most

The Australian international forward, Troy Coker, is one of two nominations for the captainey of Oxford University this year (Peter Bills writes).

Coker and his fellow-Dark Blue forward, Mark Egan, will contest the leadership election on Monday. If Coker wins, be will succeed another Australian, Brian Smith, who led Oxford against Cambridge last month.

Smith was nominated by two

been treated as second-class citizens. But if we can start to

take sets off the likes of Cuba

then things might be different in the future. This was one of our

great achievements and it has

In the heat of the moment,

Paul Westhead, the coach, pulled the England team out of the match against Canada which

was due to go on court immediately after the Cuban

However, in a hastily con-vened team meeting the Eng-land players voted unanimously

to play the match, but Canada

ran out convincing winners 15-4. 15-5, 15-4. "The players were

not keyed up for the match the same way as they were for the Cubans," Moss said.

The organizers tried to re-

deem themselves with the only loophole available last night and

George Bulman, the national director of the English Volley-

ball Association, explained: "The match will go down as a

best of three sets affair with Cuba winning 2-1 and the result will be officially part of the

RESULTS: England 1, Cuba 2 (12-15, 15-0, 15-1) England 0, Canada 3 (4-15, 5-15, 4-15).

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VOLLEYBALL

England women turn

show upside-down

By Roddy Mackenzie

retary, had hoped for a home draw against representatives of possibly the weakest of the

county groups.
Sanders will lead an RFU team on a tour of the four divisions later this month to clarify queries concerning the union's competitive structure. He, Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, and Bill Bishop, the chairman of the RFU competitions sub-committee will hold meetings. mittee, will hold meetings at Leicester (January 22), Morley (January 26), Twickenham (January 29) and Exeter (February 6), which have provoked the cancellation of a meeting of constituent-body repreconstituent-body repre-sentatives at Barkers Butts next

The bone of contention remains the status of the county championship, which next season will be played under a league formula on the same weekends they ensured one of the most colourful of representative days.

Now Cornwall have exactly what Vic Phillips, their sec
Matches to be played on March 3.

Coker wins nomination

players but rejected the suggesplayers but rejected the suggestion. He felt torn between commitments in Irish rugby and the University last term and says: "Now I want to concentrate on my studies and international research."

international career."

After helping his side win the Irish trial last weekend and assist in four tries, Smith does not hide his disappointment at heinst disappointment at heinst disappointment at heinst disappointment. being dropped from the Irish side to meet England at Twickenham on Saturday week.

Warren King scratched a seven-

ear itch yesterday. The Austra-lian, aged 34, reached his first

ranking tournament semi-final after seven years on the gruelling

British circuit, but needed a further 4½ hours before finally

disposing of the tenacious Welshman, Steve Newbury, in

the Mercantile Credit Classic in

Pretty it was not, but the mantle of pressure that nor-

maine or pressure that nor-mally falls upon the shoulders of the top-ranked players at this stage has been assumed by the lesser lights, such as King, who together disposed of 12 of the top 16 seeds during the opening

two rounds last week.
With so much at stake, it was

therefore no surprise that every frame was played as if pounds of

the fading gunslinger, spurs jingling down Main Street as he

wonders what the showdown

At least he looks lean and

man venturing into the Wild West after two months' rest and

recuperation, the lone European

interloper in an American

His first salvo has also been

impressive, On Tuesday, he

won a shoot-out in a chip-off at

the last hole against none other than Paul Azinger, winner of last week's Tournament of

Champions, the first event of

Lyle won \$3,000, a mere

Blackpool.

Scots put trust in at No. 8

Scotland have made five changes to the B side which month ago at Murrayfield for their match with France B at Oyonnax on January 21. Four players will be making their first appearance for the team and Munro returns to the side after missing the Irish game through

sial selection is that of the Cambridge University student, Macdonald, who comes in at No. 8 in place of Leckie. Bob Munro, the chairman of the Scotland selectors, said: "We are aware that Andy has played mainly as a lock but we know he has also appeared at No. 8. We realize the benefits of a tall No. 8. Essentially, we are looking to the future and are prepared to have a go with

At 6ft 8in, Macdonald, who comes from Naim and went to the nearby Gordonstoun School, should be an asset to the School, should be an asset to the B side, but whether he can adapt quickly enough to the No. 8 position is the unknown factor. He played for Scotland Under-21 and while in that age group occasionally appeared at No. 8.
Elsewhere in the pack, Corcoran wins his first B cap at the expense of McKenzie, who played well in the B match

against Ireland and in the district championship for Glasgow. In the second row, Weir drops out to accommodate Munro, who has resumed playing after a lengthy period out with a shoulder injury.

Among the backs, Rouse, of Dundee High School FP, is one

of two new caps. He displaces
Jardine. In last Saturday's trial,
he injured his ankle but says he
will be fully fit for Sunday's Like Rouse, Breckenridge

spent some time in New Zea-land, where he was converted to stand-off half after playing at

TEAM: D Barrett (West of Scotland): A Moore (Edinburgh Acads), P Rouse (Dundee HS FP), B Edwards (Boroughmut), S Porter (Malone): G Brackernidge (Glasgow High/Kelwinside). D Bryson (Galax): G Grabum (Stirling County), I Corconari (Galax). G Wiscom (Boroughmur), J Richardson (Edinburgh Acada), S Martin (Glasgow High/Kelwinside), J Macdonald (Cambridge Univ), D Busby (Glasgow High/Kelwinside). Belacoments: C Redpath (Melrose), C Glasgow (Heriot's FP), S Jandine (South Giarnorgan Inst; S Reidd (Boroughmur), J Robertson (Stirling County), J Allan (Edinburgh Acads).

its stance on amateur rules

The Rugby Football Union's (RFU) full committee will consider at its meeting on January 19 its response to the Inter-national Rugby Football Board's (IRFB) proposals on loosening the amateur regulations (David Hands writes). The body's views are required by the IRFB by February 5 for processing before the board's amateurism sub-committee meets in

Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, stressed yesterday that the IRFB had issued a dis-cussion paper, embodying replies to an earlier questionnaire, rather than its own recommendations. "It contains very far-reaching proposals, contrary to many of the views I have expressed, and a personal view is that they would not be put into practice in their present form," Wood said.

"I can't anticipate the view the RFU will take but Sir Ewart committee chairman) has made a commendable endeavour to bring the debate into the open,' he added.

SNOOKER

King wins on a tickled pink

By Steve Acteson flesh rather than pounds sterling

depended upon it and even at

the very climax, King, ranked 55th in the world, said: "I did

my best to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory."

Having lost leads of 2-0 and 3-2, the final frame proved the most harrowing for King and also the most interesting. He led

5-1 but then sank the cue ball;

The best chances having gone,

the frame eventually hinged on whether Newbury could gain a

snooker on the pink and when King was presented with the prospect of the pink in the jaws of the middle pocket and the white behind the black, a decid-

Newbury, ranked nineteenth, recovered to 43-22 behind but

missed a long red.

GOLF

Lean and mean Lyle in

Age does not wither him: Worrall, of the RAF, outnumbered in a doglight with the enemy Civil Service's triple power

The Civil Service beat the Army, the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force last season for first time in a decade, an achievement they could repeat on yesterday's show of power at

Grinding forward pressure, with the shrewd placement of rolling punts by McAleese, the Ballymena stand-off haif, offered the essence of the Civil

By Michael Austin

Royal Air Force ...

Civil Service.....

A wholesome match contested in a capricious, chilling wind, produced seven tries, four of them for the Civil Service and none more deserved than that Knight dislocated his left thumb in the first half, returned

pluckily after treatment, and proceeded to have the game's most fascinating personal tussle with Worrall, whose kicking talents do not diminish with the The RAF led 13-7 with wind

advantage before struggling increasingly in the scrums and failing to quell the Civil Service back row. Mapletoft and Drummond forged an almost tele-pathic link with Knight.

Three RAF wings, including Crossland, a replacement for the impressive Whitecross, scored tries. Blain poached the first after Miller charged down Knight's intended clearance, Whitecross chased Worrall's tantalizing blind-side kick for the second, and Crossland ran

RFU prepares Ambitious Neath open valley youth academy

By Owen Jenkins

Neath are to establish a "school of excellence" in rugby at the Gnoll to encourage local young people to play the game and develop their skills. Sponsorship of £10,000 from the Open Cast Executive means that the scheme, which will be launched officially next Thursday, can go ahead. There will be three age under 11.

Ron Waldron, the Neath manager, said: "We have to become more community conscious and our aim is to get more young people to play and be involved with the game. We won't just pick the best, every-one can participate. Most of them play in teams already so this is about invidividual coaching and skill development. We will give them the opportunity to gain the right expertise and a greater knowledge of what's required to become a better rugby player."

The scheme has been in the pipeline for the past two sea-

ing frame seemed certain.

But the former bookies' run-

ner managed to tickle the pink without going in-off and lived to

fight another day - tomorrow, to be precise, against either

Silvino Francisco or Dean

King's guaranteed winnings, £18,000, are almost £4,000 more

than he won all last season, at the end of which his wife, Leanne, had to talk him out of

retiring from the game and returning to his native Sydney. "What a nightmare that was,"

RESULTS: Opertur-finals (Engl resout is wastern-less (engain unless stated; Wag), the King (Aus) at S Membury (Wag), 5-3. Tuesday's liste result: Fifth round: W Jones (Wal) at G Wildragen, 5-2. TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY: 12 coop. S

sons. Waldron added: "We will be co-operating with the people that are already involved with these youngsters. It's still very much in the planning stage but the sponsorship has enabled us to push ahead. They'll be three training sessions a week throughout the season and during the school holidays. The truits of our labour will be the will come along.'

• Phil Davies, the Llanelli captain, has ruled himself out of the game at Neath on Saturday. Davies has not fully recovered from a calf muscle injury on New Year's Day and which forced him to miss Wales's training camp in Portugal.

Davies said: "It's just not ready yet and if I would have played, there was a possibility of it breaking down again. It's better to give it another four or five days to make sure it's right for the international against France and the cup match at

move launched by Worrall's 20yard pass on his own line. With the exception of

Sarrett's 40-yard sprint, the Civil Service tries were much Mapletoft added a pushover try. SCORERS: Royal Air Force: Tries: Elsin, Whitecross, Crossland. Conversion: Green, Panelly goal: Green, Chill Service; Tries: Wood, Mapletoft, Kinght, Sarrett. Conversion: McAleese. Penelly goals: McAleese.

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ROYAL AIR FORCE: FILL! A Miller; Cpi G Whitecross (rep: SAC S Crossiand), Jun Tech S Roles. Fil-Lt I Goslin. Sgt R Stein: SAC R Green, Sgt S Worrall; Fil-Lt N Carter, Fit-Lt R Miller, Jun Tech D Breed, Cpi D Taylorson, Fg Off J Wilde, Fg Off R Daisley, Cpi C Morgan, Cpi G Wood.

CIVIL SERVICE: N Serrett; A Hollowey, T Maison, T Davies, K Turton; D McAlesse, S Knight; G Jones, M Scott, M Callery, G Drummond, P Wood, J Critchfield, N Roact, N Mepletot.

Watkins's ban will hit Welsh nations' hopes Ian Watkins, Cardiff's Welsh

Welsh Rugby Union, putting him out of the first two games of Watkins was sent off for "butting" against Pontypridd on Boxing Day. His comeback game – against Newport on February 10 – will be after the Welsh team for the match against England, at Twick-

will be on the other side of the scrum for Lansdowne against St Mary's College in a vital league game on Saturday.

earthier and symbolized their approach to the game. Wood crashed over from a maul and

Although the Pitmans had to

international hooker, has been banned for six weeks by the

number of young people that enham on February 17, has been Mike Attwell, the Abertillery prop, has been banned for two weeks for fighting against Rosslyn Park last month.

Des Fitzgerald, who plays his first full international at loosehead prop against England at Twickenham on Saturday week,

> London Scottish, the third division leaders, must play their Courage home fixture against Exeter on Saturday afternoon on the second team pitch at Richmond Athletic Ground.

TABLE TENNIS

Specialist orders Chen to take two weeks off

By Richard Eaton

Chen Xinhua, whom millions of people saw reach the final of the

Yu Shentong the Chinese player who took the English Open title when Chen scratched, tasted defeat within three days. He was beaten 21-14, 14-21, 21-16 by Alan Cooke, the national champion, as England held China to a 3-3 draw in the first of a three-match series at Peter-borough on Tuesday.

half of the season is when he intends to peak, and suggested this may already have begun. He scored another victory over Wei Qing-Guang, the Olympic dou-bles gold medal winner, which put England 3-1 up.

Yu Shentong beat Carl Prean in straight games.

HOCKEY

Goal for champions

St Albans, representating England in the European indoor club championship at Amiens from March 2 to 4, will attempt to win the Royal Bank club championship for the third successive year at Crystal Palace on January 19 (Sydney Friskin winters). In the quarter-finals, St Albans are drawn against Cannock, one of four clubs from the Midlands in the last eight to Warter-Final Draws. Old Lough-bonkers v Harborne (4pm): Shourport v Houseow (456): St Albans v Cannock (5.40); Barford Tigers v Wetton (6.30); semi-finals (7.20 and 8.10); final (9.30).

A fragrance of success

Europe's richest handicap hurdle, The Ladbroke at Leopardstown, is the target for Jimmy Fitzgerald when the Yorkshire-based Irishman saddles Fragrant Dawn and Hill Street. In The Times on Saturday, Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent, assesses Fitzgerald's chances of a first victory in the event and reflects on the success of the versatile Malton trainer.

WEEKDAYS [] SATURDAY []

people saw learn the mai of the televised English Open with an injured back on Saturday, will not be fit for the Cleveland Open at Thomaby this weekend. Chen, the Chinese player who wants to play for England and was obliged to withdraw from the final at Manchester, has been advised by a specialist to rest for a fortnight.

Fortunately, there is no permanent damage to Chen's back, which has pulled muscles, and there is no recurrence of the

and there is no recurrence of the bone injury which hampered him during the world championships of 1983. He therefore expects to play again in the British League on January 28 when Ormesby, his club, takes on Grove, the competitions leaders.

Cooke says that the second

But there were two defeats for Nicky Mason, the England No. 3, and in the final encounter

Dear Newsagent, please deliver/save me a copy of The Times

Sudden Victory 16-1 for Newbury

RACING

By Paul Wheeler

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FRECLY.

The unlikely spectacle of a Plumpton winner owned by Robert Sangster and trained by Barry Hills became a reality at Plumpton yesterday when Sudden Victory won the second division of the Crowborough Novices Hurdle. Novices Hurdle. Settled in mid-division for the

Settled in mid-division for the first mile, the six-year-old gelding made smooth headway, drawing away from Regal Lake to win by 2½ lengths in the style of a 6-4 on favourite, in the track of Kazin Monney. ands of Kevin Mooney. Hills, at home in bed with flu, was represented by assistant George Foster, who said: "The

Powell ride

ndan Powell will ride Panto Prince in the Victor Chandler
Prince in the Victor Chandler
Handlerp Chase at Ascot on
Saturday. David Elsworth has
booked Hywel Davies for
Barnbrook Again, but Waterloo
Boy will miss the race.

Tote Gold Trophy is very much on the sgenda, but we'll have to see how he comes out of this

Tace. Corals quote the six-year-old at 16-1 for the Newbury feature and Foster does not feel the £50,000 handicap would be too exacting after only four races over timber. "He's a very experienced racehorse from the

Flat, and Kevin says that he's becoming very professional ing his jumping."

Last season, this son of Kings Lake finished twelfth behind Sondrio in the Waterford Crastel Supperson Newscast Hurdle 22 Sondrio in the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices Hurdle at the Cheltenham festival. "He didn't go in the ground that day, it was too soft. The ground will be the deciding factor if he goes there again. He doesn't want it too soft."

Whatever happens, Sudden Victory who was second in the St Simon Stakes last season, will return to the Flat later this year when Hills will have 70 two-year-olds in training for the new

settle for second with Regal Lake behind Sudden Victory, they had no problems with the promising Cash Is King in the Pevensey Novices Chase Jumping fences for the first time, Cash is King proved a class superior to his 14 rivals. Earlier, St William made it a day for the veterans in the Cooksbridge Amateur Riders Handicap Chase. The 13-year-old showed a clean pair of heels

who was gaining his eighth success of the season. Anthony Tory, who was kicked after Heavenly Brother to pass the racecourse doctor if he is to ride at Wincanton today.

to his younger rivals to win for the first time in 15 months. He

was ridden by that accom-plished amateur Chris Maude,

Dreaper's star is ruled out

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Jim Dreaper's accident-prone Carvill's Hill was forced to miss Carvill's Hill was forced to miss yesterday's intended engagement, the Arlington Premier Chase qualifier at Punchestown.

Earlier in the day, he knocked his hind leg and although this was bandaged up in the hope that it would prove of no consequence, he was found to be lame when unloaded from the horse-box on arrival at the course.

Dreaper said that he would have to put Carvill's Hill on a course of antibiotics and this would rule out any real chance of him competing against Maid Of Money in the Charterhouse Mercantile Chase at Cheltenham on January 27.

A realistic target for Carvill's Hill is the Vincent O'Bries Irish Gold Cup at Legnardston per

Hill is the Vincent O'Bries Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown next mouth, which he won last year. In his absence yesterday, the most experienced of the four runners, Riska's River outjumped his rivals to win comfortably.

• Peter Scudamore was out of luck at Cagnes-sur-Mer yes-terday, when All Jeff was brought down at the second fence in the Prix du Comte de Nice, won by Pontine (Bestrice Maria)

Call for inquiry into greyhound racing betting

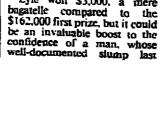
Leaders of the greyhound in-dustry are calling for the Gov-erument to hold an inquiry into off-course betting and to lift on-course betting restrictions. The Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act states that managements must not have an interest in bookmaking at a track where they are the occupiers. occupiers.
At present each greyhound track has to have totalisator

returns checked by an account-ant. However, despite the fact that more money is wagered away from the course, there is no independent scrutiny of re-turns made by off-course bookmakers. There are also no off-course restrictions on which book-makers can take greyhound bets

makers can take greyhound bets and no requirement for off-course Tote bets to be transmit-ted to the track.

Many greyhound tracks are run by the big bookmaking firms, who supply results from those tracks to thousands of their own betting shore. They their own betting shops. They deal in much larger sums of money than are transacted at the

Lord Newall, chairman of the Lord Newall chairman of me British Greyhound Racing Board, said: "I have written the Home Secretary and lock forward to explaining to him the urgent need for an inquiry into the off-course market."



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Bowl contender (Robert Kirley of them or would he always be

mean and clear-eyed, as belits a his nerve gone? Tuesday provided a partial answer. Today, when he plays his first round over the Tournament Players' Club at Star Pass, and tomorrow, when he plays his second round over the less testing course at Randolph North, will reveal if he has truly rediscovered the player who

won the Open in 1985 and the US Masters in 1988.

beaten to the draw, his trigger-

finger twitching and his eye and

Whatever happens this week, at least Lyle can be thankful that he is only a golfer and unlikely to suffer the terminal fate of worn-out gunslingers, even in Tucson, the town they used to call the worst hell hole in the Oilers' coach can tap well

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

town for showdown of experience From Patricia Davies, Tucson, Arizona Jack Pardee takes excellent qualifications to his new post as coach of the Houston Oilers, a It is difficult not to picture Sandy Lyle's arrival for today's Tucson Open as the return of seeker-after-cures. National Football League (NFL) club that is just a good bounce of the ball away from being a Super He wondered if he would ever again shoot it out with the best

> Over the last three seasons, Pardec led the Houston University Cougars from a mire of scandal to national glory. This past season, the Cougars became the most prolific team in National Collegiate Athletic Association history, and their quarterback. Andre Ware, won the Heisman Trophy, which is presented annually to the leading college player.

Pardec, who has coached for nine seasons at professional level, has been made coach of the year with every professions club he has led. He will doubtless build on an Oilers offense that features the passing and running of the quarterback, Warren Moon. He replaces Jerry Glanville, who resigned

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On all known form, the John Bull Chase should be won by Pegwell Bay at Wincanton By Paul Wheel Paul Wheeler I The unlikely special Robert Sangster and the Plumpton winger and the Plumpton yesterday and den Victory won the drivision of the Control Robert Settled in mid-driving areas in the State of the State

Pegwell Bay must now give ham, before he stretched 8lb to a horse who had the H & Desert Orchid almost to the T Walker Gold Cup winner limit at Sandown. Man O' Magic trailing 12 lengths in arrears when scor- Panto Prince at Kempton first ing over today's course and time out this season Pegwell distance on Boxing Day.

1.00 Hi High. 1.30 Thurlestone.

2.00 Pegwell Bay.

Going: good

Way clear for talented Pegwell Bay earlier in the season when he chase on Boxing Day. beat Arctic Cavalier by eight lengths at Plumpton.

Yet even this improving today. However, with Toby eight-year-old still has more to Tobias also standing his find perhaps as much as a ground the race should not be stone - if he is to beat Pegwell a formality like it was 12 Bay, whose victories last seamonths ago when Cavvies son included the Mackeson Clown won a bloodless contest Gold Cup and the A F Budge Gold Cup, both at Chelten-

After beating the in-form Bay could finish only fifth That performance con- behind Desert Orchid when he firmed the good impression returned to the same track for

> By Michael Seely 1.00 GENERALLY RIGHT (nap). 3.30 Fifth Amendment. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 HAMPER.

BETTING: 9-4 Lothian Suitan, 7-2 East River, 6-1 Cooks Lawn, 9-1 Quick Rapor, 10-1 Royal Refrain, Ellewick, Jump, 12-1 Only For Me, 16-1 others. 1989: GEORGIC 6-10-5 J Leech (12-1) Mrs J Pitman 12 ran

Long handicap: Runaway Train 9-2. BETTING: 7-4 Generally Right, 3-1 Market Leader, 7-2 Hi High, 5-1 Acclaim, 12-1 Broche, 20-1 Soulful

1989: HI HIGH 8-10-4 P Richards (11-1) S Pattemore 5 ran

130 JAMBOREE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (21,926: 2m) (19

11 04504-5 BABY BOY 22 (D,5) (Mrs J Hicks) T Hebett 9-10-8 W MecFariand 86
12 203000- TUFF STICK 245 (J Sage) J Old 5-10-3 P Device (7) A Tory
13 3F-5412 NAATELL 14 (P Tory) N Mitchell 7-10-2 A Tory
14 0-04 RUSH-LIAN 16 (Mrs K Burge) R Hodge 6-10-2 W I Ivine —
15 68PP4 GERACHTY AGAIN 637 (G A Associated) 8 Stevens 7-10-0 M Stevens (7) —
16 009- RICEBER L LADY 35F (A Derson) A Dwrson 5-10-0 S Hazzell (7) —
17 GP4P/P- ICHG UNIVERSE 448 (Mrs L Miller) W Fisher 9-10-0 P Bersend —
18 SUPP-0 GO-GO-GAM 46 (Mrs S Waterly) P Waterly 6-10-0 W Sterry (7) —
19 PO WEST LODGE LADY 12 (E George) N Tomoson 5-10-0 S Plannidge (7) —
10 Long bandlosp: King Universe 9-4, Go-Go-Sam 9-4, West Lodge Lady 8-13.
18 BETTING: 7-2 Nastell, 5-1 Thurlestone, 6-1 Vandenberg, 7-1 Longghunst, 8-1 Squedron, 10-1 Wittshire Yeoman, Baby Boy, 12-1 Hamper, 14-1 Tremmin.
1988: STAR WONDER 8-11-10 R MacNeice (7-1) M Pipe 12 ran
19 FORM FOCUS VANDENBERG COMMINION OF THE GRIFTER was well-bester in its Survivaled (2m 4f, good to firm). WILTSHIRE (2m 2) good where The Grift-TER was well-bester in its St.
18 Stary 11 Ludiow (2m 2000 to firm) on her final start last term. MAATELL was caught close home when 11/4 2nd to Cora Harbour at Taumton (2n 170yd, soft).

Course specialists

SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 12.45 Evichstar.

12.45 DESIGN CONTRACTORS NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HANDICAP (2,750: 1m) (13

1.15 YORKSHIRE CLAIMING STAKES QUALIFIER (3-Y-O: £2,301: 1m) (7 runners)

1.45 DESIGN CONTRACTORS LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: 22,238: 7f) (4

7 (1) S02831- CONJURIER 12 (CJF) (D Allem) R Hennon 9-10 ______ A Modione 85
2 (3) 925-5 ABLE ROCKET 9 (8,8F) (L Berty) Mrs N Macasley 9-3 _____ Y Adense 98
3 (4) 000- SUSANDIA'S SECRET 42 (B) (Miss M Kalej) Mrs L Piggott 8-11 __ MON-RUMER _____
4 (2) 65035-2 MRSS KNIGHT 9 (Mrs C Bastimen) R Bastimen 8-9 ______ J Quien (3) @ 99

12.30 SPETTISBURY NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,898: 2m) (19 runners)

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00/15 LOTHIAN SIR.TAM 40 (D.S) (Mrs w Gurnery) J GRIOrd 5-11-13 ...
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STEPHENS PET 13 (Mrs M Poder) O O'Nedl 7-11-3
0-5 TREVAYLOR 16 (T Lis Grica) T Le Grica 6-11-3
WINFFLER (Mrs J Dening) Major R Dening 8-11-3
806-ABBOLT 27 (Kampress Printers) K Bishop 5-10-12
8/0/0 CHANCE AGAIN 14 (Mrs D Bryant) S Woodman 7-10-12
0-3 EVE FROM EDEN 13 (Major R Thorman) C James 7-10-12
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16 0-0 EP PRIAM ELECT 13 (Major H INDITING) COMMON TO 17 0,000 P00 MILNOY MOON 18 (W Fry) R Hodges 5-10-12.

19 6800/0 SISTER-IN-LAW 12 (Mrs P Scott-Curat) W Wightner 7-10-12.

1.0 BLACKMORE VALE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,454: 2m) (7 runners)

5 4/343-0P SOULFUL STRUT 44 (D.F.S) (Whitcombe Manor Racing) Metheli 9-10-13 6 235F2P BROCHE 22 (D.F.G) (T Bish) Mrs H Parroti 9-10-3 7 00-P54P BUNAWAY TRAIN 18 (P Parreti) R Hodges 7-10-0

1 151U21 MARKET LEADER 28 (D.F.G) (E Fiello) R Lee 10-11-10 2 04/FF8-1 GENERALLY RIGHT 33 (D.F.S) (H.Joe) D Nicholson 8-11-6 3 13FP1-3 HE HIGH 16 (CD.G.S) (Mrs S Patiemore) R Hodges 9-11-1 4 192395 ACCLAIN 257 (D.F.G) (J Henderson) N Henderson 10-11-1 192395 ACCLAIN 257 (D.F.G) (J Henderson) N Henderson 10-11-1

FORM FOCUS LOTHAN SULTAN, disappointed when unpixed behind Freeline Frishing at Chepstow (2m, good); serier best Chief Mole 6 over the same course and distance (good to soft).

EAST RIVER started invounts for a Hereford (1m 5/, good to soft) NH flat race last term and finished 3 and to Mandaring in a similar event. STEPMENS PET meeded the run at Warwick (2m, good) when a staying on 1817th to Webba Wonder; serier put up a

FORM FOCUS MARKET LEADER winning wine with an 81 beating of Travellers Trip at Ludlow (2n., good). GENERALLY RIGHT ran out an impressive wither on his seasonal reappearance when beating What A Wally by 51 at Worcester (2m. good to firm) and looks on a reasonable mark.

150yd, good to soft). LONGCHURST has a lot more to do here than when winning a Taunton (2m 110yd, soft) seller by 201 last

TRAINERS

12.45 Evichstar.

Going: standard

1.15 Andrew's First. 1.45 Conjurer.

that Toby Tobias had created the King George VI Steeple-Apart from the opposition,

the combination of a really bad mistake five fences from home and the distance was probably his undoing that day. Back to what is arguably his ideal trip against inferior opposition, Pegwell Bay should reign supreme once

Half-an-hour later, I like the look of stable companion Social Climber's chance of winning the Corscombe Novices' Hurdle even though The Illywhacker, the first of Jenny Pitman's seven winners on Boxing Day, also runs again. Even The Illywhacker will

Social Climber whose first race of the season behind Egypt Mill at Towcester held out so much hope for the future, especially over a distance like today's. He is my

A veritable fleet of runners Letcombe Bassett yard also includes two, Uncle Merlin and Fence Judge, for the Lillo Lumb Challenge Cup.

I feel that his two-pronged attack will be foiled by Bumbles Folly, who showed that he possessed the requisite stam-I nose enthusiastic enough to wait until the end of the

rewarded by a glimpse of two well-related horses competing against each other in the second division of the Spettisbury Novices' Hurdle.

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They are Celtic Shot's halfbrother Bali Down Lad, who has never run, and Flight Hill, from trainer Tim Forster's who is a half-brother to Prideaux Boy. In this instance, the advantage could lie with Flight Hill who gained what could turn out to be priceless experience when running well in a bumper at Newbury.

On the all-weather Flat course at Southwell, I fancy ina when winning at Taunton Evichster's chance of winning the Design Contractors Nottinghamshire Handicap

WINCANTON 2.0 JOHN BULL CHASE (£3,655: 2m 5f) (4 runners) Selections 3 87387-4 THE FRUIT 33 (F) (R Ledger) R Ledger 11-11-2 4 F-90436 VINTAGE LAD 16 (Q) (S Burfield) R Hodgee 7-11-2 BETTING: 4-6 Pegwell Bay, 11-8 Toby Tobles, 25-1 Virtage Lad, 50-1 The Fruit. By Mandarin 12.30 Lothian Sultan. 2.30 SOCIAL CLIMBER (nap). 1989: CAVVIES CLOWN 9-12-0 R Amott (1-2 fav) D Elsworth 3 ran 3.00 Bumbles Folly. 3.30 Flight HitL

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good effort here over course and distance (soft) last year when 8I 2nd to Hawthorn Hill Lad.
TREVAYLOR made steady late headway to finish 35'kl 5th to The Blywhecker at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, heavy). May be capable of better. COOKS LAWN was not given a hard time on her turding debut when a 38'kl 8th to Lady Resanna over course and distance (good).
Selection: \$TEPHENS PET

course and distance (good) and can improve on that effort. ACCLARRI won first time out at Worcester (2m, good to firm) last season and although not the most reliable of performers put up an excellent performance when a head 2nd to Weserloo Boy (rec 5b) at Worcester (2m, good).

BROCHE, pulled up listest, was earlier 3I 2nd of 3 to Montgomery at Windoor (3m, good to firm).

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Selection: GENERALLY RIGHT (nep)

time. SQUADRON is running into form on the evidence of a 9% left to Reggae Yeoman at Fornwell (2m 21, good) where THE GHIFTER was well-beaten in last.

THE MARIN beet Final Flutter by 2% at Ludiow (2m, good to firm) on her final start last term. NAATELL was caught close home when 1% I and to Coral Harbour at Taumon (2m 110yd, soft).

Selection VANDENBERG

2.15 Falcon Flight. 2.45 Kenilworth Castle.

Draw: 7f-1m, low numbers best

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FORM FOCUS PEGWELL BAY Imped badly on in the King George at Kempton (3m, good) when 24 his reappearance in a Folkestone hendicap (2m 4f, good to firm). THE FRUIT finished a poor 4m to Serious Man on the King George at Kempton (3m, good) when 24 his reappearance in a Folkestone hendicap (2m 4f, good to firm). THE FRUIT finished a poor 4m to Serious Man on the reappearance in a Folkestone hendicap (2m 4f, good to firm). TORIVI PUCUS PASWELL BAY the King George at Kempton (3m, good) when 241 5th to Desert Orchid; previously returned useful performance to detect Panto Prince (no. 68b) 41 on seasonal bow on the same course (2m 4t, good). TORY TOBIAS comfortably defeated Man O'Magic 12 on lettest start over course and distance foods: test start over course and distance (good); by ran on well to defeet Arctic Cavaller 81 in

Selection: PEGWELL RAY 2.30 CORSCOMBE NOVICES HURDLE (£2.332: 2m 6f) (23 runners)

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•	00-30	GENERAL JAMES 21 (F) (Mrs T Stone-Brown) J Gifford 7-11-5	R Rose	
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		SHOPWELL (T Whitey) D Gandolfo 6-11-5		-
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Æ	TTDNG: 9.	4 The Ehwhacker, 7-2 Social Camber, 5-1 Return To Romance, 7-1	10CK UT ADBS. 8-1 (JBN	٥l

BETTING: 9-4 The mywnecker, 7-2 Scool Carrol James, 10-1 Long Time Selly, 12-1 Mystic Palece 1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS THE ILLYWHACKER made all in a novices event at Newton Abbot (2m 150/4, heavy) deleating Crystal Comet 41 with TEARFUL PRINCE (11b better off) 301 3rd MYSTIC PALACE (7/b better off) 6½1 6th and MILITARY EXPRESS pulled up before 2 put.	
ASK MOSS finished 1915th to Bewinnore Lad on his only start last season in a NH flat race at Thurles (2m, yelding). SOCAL CLIMBER shaped with promise on his hurdling bow at Towcester (2m, good) when 21 kl 5th of 18 to Egypt Mill.	

DISCREET CHARM 34! 4th of 15 to Lady Rosanne on her latest start in a novices event here (2m, good). ROCK OF AGES finished 28! 4th to Surf Board at Sandown (2m, heavy) on her latest start 23 HYDEWELLS DAUGHTER disappointed on her latest start at Newton Abbot (2m Si 110yd, heary) when 144 (bit to Mass Muck. RETURN TO ROMANCE stayed on again close home to finish 163/144 to Sartorius at Wolverhampton (2m, good to soft).

Salection: THE ELLYWHACKER

3.0	LILLO I	LUMB CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £2,835: 3m 1f) (13 runners)
1	024	UNCLE MERLIN 34 (Mrs R Chapman) T Forster 9-12-0 H Davies
2	61PP-1P	TROUT ANGLER 22 (CD.F.Q.S) (P Trant) Miss P O'Connor 9-11-10
3	33-3422	ANOTHER SCHEDULE 16 (D.BF.F.G) (Mrs V Black) C Brooks 9-11-10,
4	4/13-251	BUMBLES FOLLY 14 (S) (C Lewis) D Barons 9-11-10 S Earle 0
5		GREENBANK PARK 13 (F.G.S) (R Perkins) R Perkins 13-11-10 Mr G Upton (3)
6		KINGSWOOD KITCHENS 10 (D.F.G) (Mrs E Ludiow) R Frost 10-11-5
7		HURRY UP HENRY 22 (Q,S) (G Harwood) G Harwood 11-11-3 Miss A Herwood (5)
Ř		TIGER TED 15 (DJF) (C Jones) P Balley 10-10-10
9		FENCE JUDGE 14 (B,CD,S) (S Preston) T Forster 8-10-9 C Lievellyn
10		FOOL'S PLEASURE 584 (F) (G Fox) R Hodges 3-10-7
		FRIENDLY HENRY 7 (B.S) (R Wright) J Fox 10-10-6
		THE LUCKPENNY MAN 13 (F,S) (T Clay) Mrs L Clay 11-10-3
		MORE ONE WAY 16 (Q.S) (G Hussey) N Mitchell 9-10-0
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Enne	DE I I PRAI:	: 3-1 Bumbles Folly, 9-2 Hurry Up Henry, 6-1 Kingswood Kitchens, Another Schedule, 7 9-1 Uncle Merlin, 12-1 Greenbank Park.
-	w ways.	
		1989: FENCE JUDGE 7-10-1 C Liewellyn (5-4 tav) T Forster S ran

FORM FOCUS TROUT ANGLER ran on well to defeat Paddy's Pond a head on his FENCE JUDGE (5b better off) 11 on his perultimate start in a handicap over course and distance (tim).

ANOTHER SCHEDULE has found one too good in handicaps at Bengor and Wolverhampton (5m 11, good to firm) on latter course being best 2%1 by Gedbrook.

ICHICSWOOD KITCHENS Issued well to firsts 1/1 and the service of the hope Diamond in a Devon handicap (2m 31, soft).

HURRIY UP HENRY last releas have a factor of the hope Diamond in a Devon handicap (2m 31, soft). GECKTOOK.

BUNKELES FOLLY just held on to land a Taurion handicap (3m 3t, soft) off a 4tb lower mark when defeating Copy a neck with FENCE JUDGE.

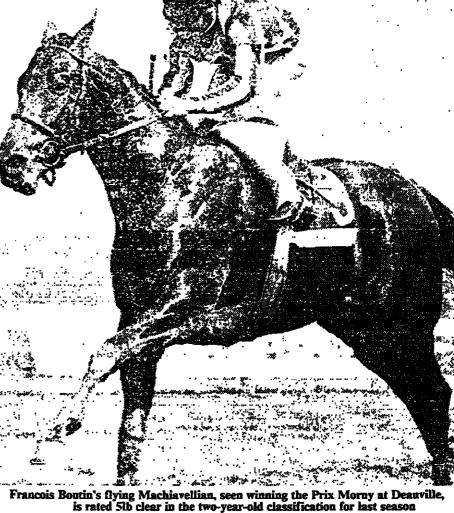
KINGSWOOD KITCHENS raised well to finish 1/1 3rd to Hope Diamond in a Devon handicap (2m 3f, soff). HURRY UP HENRY led close home to delect Unicol 1/2/10 on respearance in Folkastone handicap (3m 2f, coof).

(48b	better of	a poor 8th. GREENBANK PARK WAS Selection: ANOTHER SCH	EDULE	
_		TISBURY NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,884: 2m) (18 runi	ners)	
1		BALL DOWN LAD (D Honton) C Brooks 6-11-3	P Scudamore	-
2	3\an-	FIFTH AMENDMENT 13 (BF) (W Robins) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-3	LI Divers	7
4		FLIGHT HILL 447 (Mrs R Stanley) D Elsworth 6-11-3		- 2
5		GRANYTE PALACE 379 (Mrs. J Yates) J Gitlord 6-11-3		•
ĕ		HAWKES BAY 14 (C Wells) R Hodges 7-11-3		
7		LAUNDRYMAN 13 (Burlord District Laundry) S Mellor 7-11-3		•
8	00-00	MAYBE BABY 13 (BF) (S Lindsey) D Barons 5-11-3		-
9		MRCE'S DIAMOND (Mrs H Chinem) A Turnell 5-11-3		-
10		PLAYPEN 255 (P Tylor) R Frost 6-11-3		7
11		RULER'S GOLD 20 (5) (Mrs M HB) P Hobbs 6-11-3		-
12	404	STRAIGHT BRANDY 14 (P Lowe) D Nicholson 7-11-3		
13		THE MOSSES (Lord Leverhulme) T Forster 5-11-3		
14	80-P	TURPIN'S GREEN 20 (Lord Vestey) J King 7-11-3	S Smith Eccles	-
15		LE BLEU 997 (J Thorner) W Fisher 10-10-12		
16		TEN DEEP 43 (A Raison) K Sishop 5-10-12		
17		TORLLA BRIDGE 14 (Westward Developments) W Williams 6-10-12		
18		DOREEN'S PRIDE 14 (Mrs M Morgan) R Holder 4-10-2		
10-1 ¹	ETTING: The Moss	5-2 Laundrymen, 7-2 Straight Brandy, 9-2 Fifth Amendment, 6-1 Sail D ses, Doreen's Pride, 12-1 Gramyte Palace.	own Lad, 8-1 Flight	н
		1988: PARSONS GREEN 5-11-3 J White (5-2) N Henderson 14 r		

FORM FOCUS DOREEN'S PRIDE was supported from 2-1 to 6-1 on her hurding bow at Taunton (2m 110yd, soft) when 48% 4th to Midfielder. FIFTH AMENDMENT was a never nearer 8th of 25 to First Crack with MAYBE 8ABY (seem terms) 10th on his hurding bow at Warwick (2m, good). LAUNDRYMAN ran on well on the flat to finish 31 3rd

good). TEN DEEP 231 4th of 17 to Trefelyn Cone on her rececourse debut in a NH flat race at Hereford (2m, good to firm). Selection: LAUNDRYMAN 2.15 DESIGN CONTRACTORS LEICESTERSHIRE CLAMMING STAKES (£2,700: 7f) (16

(Only qualifiers)



Old Vic considered 3lb superior to Nashwan

By George Rae

Old Vic was officially superior to Nashwan over 1½ miles in 1989 according to the Inter-national Classifications published today.

Henry Cecil's charge, the winner of the French and Irish

Derbys, was given a rating of 134 compared with Nashwan's 131, assessments guaranteed to revive debate over the respective merits of the two colts.

The handicappers took the view that Old Vic's seven-length win over Dancehall at Chantilly was the best performance of the

season at 1½ miles.
"Dancehall had gone into the French Derby with proven highclass form over a mile and a half," Anthony Arkwright, res-ponsible for the middle-distance horses, said. "Yet Old Vic simply pulverized him. Old Vic did not run anywhere near that form in the Irish Derby, but then he didn't have to.

"No matter how hard we tried it was impossible to put Nashwan any higher on his form at that trip. The Epsom Derby form became disappointing and Cacoethes, whom he beat in the King George at Ascot, was not a

top-class opponent.
"The popular view was that
Nashwan had nothing more to prove after the King George, but I think he did, particularly after the Prix Niel where he ran a stone below his form. I was hoping that he would run again."

Nor does Nashwan figure prominently in the pantheon of

Derby winners. Since the classifications were first compiled in 1977, only four winners Henbit, Teenoso, Secreto and Kahyasi - have been rated inferior, and Nashwan stands 9lb below the top-rated Shergar. Indeed, Arkwright considers Nashwan's best effort was his five-length defeat of Opening Verse in the 10-furlong Eclipse Stakes at Sandown. "He was up to 133 at that point but Opening Verse's subsequent form over a mile and a quarter cast doubts on the value of that run." However reasoned the argu-ments they will do little to

placate Nashwan's army of admirers, not least jockey Willie Classic class of '89

into the French Derby when the second was given too much to do," he said. "But Nashwan kept on winning.
"It's a good job the handicap-

pers weren't training him," he added mischievously. "They'd have been frightened to run him in the King George."
Old Vic shared the title of leading three-year-old with Zilzal, dominant over a mile and never more impressive than when defeating Polish Precedent at Ascot. Zilzal established him-self as the third-best miler since

1977, behind only Blushing Groom and El Gran Senor. Discussion over individual merits aside, the classifications again underlined the continuing trend of owners avoiding meet-

ing at the highest level. Short careers and swift retirement to stud suggest that breeding's tail continues to wag racing's dog. True champions are the heartbeat of any sport but they can be identified only by direct competition. The notion of defeat and loss of reputation apparently go hand-in-hand in Flat racing, but they need not be

"Had Nashwan run against Old Vic and been beaten half a length we could have improved his rating," Arkwright said. "He would have been proven a better horse despite losing."

handicappers considers him the one to follow during the coming Carroll House, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner, was adjudged the best of the older horses on 128, just ahead of Warning and Nashwan's half-brother, Unfuwain, who was denied the opportunity of improving on his two early-

avellian topped the list. The current 6-1 favourite for the

2,000 Guineas achieved his rating in the Prix Morny at

Deauville but was less impressive when winning the Prix de la

However, the main talking point was the assessment of Cecil's Be My Chief, unbeaten

in six starts, yet considered 21b inferior to Argentum and Di-

gression among the home-trained contingent.

"He was impressive when winning the Racing Post Tro-phy," Geoffrey Gibbs, the se-nior handicapper said, "but his

rating again comes back to the appalling tack of competition.

No-one took him on with a good

horse so it's difficult to know

That comment applies equally to the Dick Hern-trained Elmaamul, who is given

the glowing recommendation of being considered the equal of Be

phatic wins in relatively minor

down. At least one of the five

strong committee of senior

just how he good he is."

Salamandre at Longchamp.

The older horses provided the champion sprinter in Cadeaux Genereux (124).

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Results from yesterday's three meetings

245.50. Tricast: £7,177.74.
3.0 (2m ch) 1, ST WILLIAM (Mr C Maude, 8-1); 2, Members' Revenge (Mr G Lipton, 5-4 fav); 3, Sohall (Mr C Farrel, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Green Marble (4th), 15-2 Father Paddy, 10 Miglubs Road (8th), 14 Blue Danube, Shangoser (5th), 33 Borenco (f), 9 ran. 15, 2, 3, mi, 25, R Hodges et Somerton, Tota: £8.20; £2.30, £1.40, £2.20. DF: £6.40. CSF: £18.49. Tricast: £8.38.

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15-2 Father Paddy, 10 Mejude Road (8th),
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Hodges at Someron. Tota: 28.20; 52.30,
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3.30 (2m hdle) 1, SUDDEN VICTORY (K
Mooney, 4-6 tay; Mandarin's new 8
Private Handicapper's top reding); 2,
Ragal Lake (M Pitman, 3-1); 3, Finchglows
(R Rowe, 33-1), ALSO RAN: 7 Tits 1 ech
Pyer (4th), 20 Bahrain Bridge (pu), 33
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Way, Mass A Turn), 50 As Sahi (5th), River
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Fernme, 100 Fred Splendid (8th), Mantinist,
Kraymark (f), 16 ran. NR: Lurex Star. 24,
20, %1, 10t, 31 6 Hills at Marton. Tota:
E1.38, E1.20, £1.10, £2.90. DF: £2.70.

Placepet £102.80.

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12.15 (2m holes) 1, SCARNING DALE (0
Notan, B-1); 2, Teddy Bruser (M Dwyer, 45 fav); 3, Regal Estate (D J Moffan, 5-2;
ALSO RAN: 14 Friskney Dele Lad, 20
Broek The Chain, 33 Arpal Forever (5th),
50 Clever Shepherd (8th), Jenny's Joy, 68
Border Folly (4th), 100 Lothian Captain,
Molety, Imported Scrap, 12 ran, 1%, 11, 41,
1%1, 71. P Montetth at Rosewell. Tota:
10.40; 51.10, £1.50, £1.10. DF: £28.20.
CSF: £13.83.

12.45 (2m 6f hole) 1, JESTERS PROSPECT (P Niven, 11-4); 2, Sang Humter (G Harker, 9-4 (8-fav); 3, Genry Odder (8 Storey, 9-4 (8-fav); 3, Genry Odder (8 G); 3, Genry Odder (8 G); 3, Genry Odder (8 G); 3,

25.59.

1.15 (3m ch) 1, THE BUILDER (P Niven, 9-1); 2. The Mathilla (A Orkney, 8-1); 3. The Langholm Dyer (G McCourt, 9-1). ALSO FIAN: 5-2 fav Abdicator (6th), 11-4 Tasar (5th), 4 Jelupe (4th), 20 Citondrohid (pu), 25 Gain Prince (pu), 8 ran. 34, 31, 15, 2%, det. Mrs G Reveley at Malton. Tote: 50.30; £1.50, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £42.00. CSF: £68.54. Tricast £602.03.

1.45 (3m ch) 1, FISH QUAY (R Martey, 4-

1.45 (3m ch) 1, FISH QUAY (R Markey, 4-1); 2, Ambergate (C Grant, 7-2); 3, Trisprain Law (T Reed, 3-1 p-tav), ALSO RAK: 3 p-tav Tartan Tempest (ur), 11 Tyccom Moon (6th), 20 Another Striplight (5th), Melsonby (4th), Jose Baby (ou), 50 Murphy's Choics, The Burleyman (f), Wriskin Melody (ou), 11 ran, 1½, 10, 15, 12, 1½, 10 H Essistetty at Great Habton, Tota: 23.00; 21.10, 21.60, 23.40, DF: 211.00, CSF: 217.78.

£11.00. CSF: £17.78.

2.15 (2m 21 hdie) 1. SPARIK OF PEACE
(P Midgley, 7-2); 2. Pit Pony (I. Wyer, 11-4
tay); 3. Starchy Blaike (K Jones, 33-1).
ALSO RAN: 5 Sybilin (Sth), 6 Young
Pageant (Bish), 15-2 Warrwick Strice (4th), 9
Eille On, 10 Kings Queet, 33 Hasty Import
(pu), Thareleos (pu), 10 ran. 8, 2, 5, hd,
hd. P Brockley at Carwick, Toe: £4.80;
21.80, £1.10, £5.80. DF: £6.20. CSF:
E13.17. Tricests £236.49

24.0. DF: 271.70. CSF: 29.24.

3.45 (Im 51 flat) 1, SOLLO CORRET (D. Syme, 10-11 fav); 2, Meduck (R. Bellamy, 11-4); 3, Wayalde Boy (N. Lesch, 50-1).

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Foggy Scotch (4m), 18 Millary Staze (5m), 25 King Of Sieel, 33 Mr Winds (6m), 50 Simile, 66 Brownside Brig, Walter Street, Kind Answer. 11 ran.

ì	1,0 (2m hdie) 1, GOOD SPARK (J Leech
	2-1 fav); 2, Robbie Barns (R Goldstein
Ì	100-301-3 Press Sentinol (M. Kinson 20
ı	100-30); 3, Rose Festival (M Kinane, 20 1). ALSO RAN: 5 Clean Through, 6 Patro
ı	Leader 7 Della Coort Coop (Eth) 1
ı	Leader, 7 Daily Sport Soon (5th), 1 Milipond Boy, 20 Outcast (4th), 3
ł	Mapong Boy, 20 Outcest 1969, 3
ı	Connabee (f), Sate Distance (pu), Bol
Į	Choice (6th), 50 Talab, Inkpen Lady
ı	Grand Lou (pu). 14 ran. NR: Just
ı	Boozer, Plausible. 61, 1/1, 21/1, 1/1, 71, 8
ı	Akehurst at Epsom. Tota: £2.60; £1.20
9	21.70, £7.30. DF: £2.30. CSF: £9.62.
i	1.30 (2m 4f ch) 1. CASH IS KING (h Pirman, Evens fav); 2. Denching Ballerin (R Goldstein, 25-1); 3. Flehing Sassel; (i Martin, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Mr Gossi
1	Dimon Succe (av): 2 Concing Reflector
ı	/D Goldstein 25.1: 9 Eleking Smark //
ı	Marin 32-11 ALSO DAN- 0-2 Mr Gosel
ı	(4th), 11-2 Bronze Final (f), 6 Kamadoo
ı	Cath 40 James Lumber (in 99 Cando
ı	(6th), 12 Jazzy Jumper (ur), 33 Carvin
ı	Knife (pu), Heavenly Brother (f), 5
ł	Aledan, 66 Mugwump (f), Rocky Pt (5th)
ı	South Pool, 100 Denross (pu), Stampy, 1.
ı	ran. 71, 51, 151, not taken. Mrs J Pitman a
ı	Upper Lamboum. Tota: £1.90; £1.70 £3.60, £5.30. DF: £41.30. CSF: £27.50.
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ı	2.0 (2m 4f holia) 1, LORD ROLFE (5
I	Woods, 20-1); 2, Nuns Little One (N Mann
l	10.11-2 Ctallaine (D Morrie 5.1) AI CI
I	RAN: 4 ter Woodknot (f), 5 Regime Sok (5th), 6 Fleetwood Lass (f), 7 Up Thi Ladder, 9 Shokran, 12 Linchar (4th), 1/ Sharptord, 25 On The Rocks (pu), 33 Olie
ŀ	(EN) & Electronic Lace (A 7 In The
ı	Laure O Chairen 12 Limbur (4th) 1
1	LECORY, S SUDVISION 12 FIGURE (401), 14
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1	P (pu), Herra Louise (pu), Prewstyle (pu)
۱	P (pu), Hetta Louise (pu), Prewstyle (pu) Kwi (8th). 15 ran, NR: Growing Power, 15t 11/L diet, 12t, 3t. J Davies at Ashford, Tota
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ı	£105.10; £31.60, £2.10, £2.10. DF
۱	2642.90. CSF: £199.88. Bought in
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4,400gns.
2.30 (3m 1/ ch) 1, SOONER STILL (T. Morgan, 13-8 tay); 2, Heaty Dhwr (C. Liewellyn, 33-1); 3, Hawthorn Jacks (G. Moore, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Royal Battery (f), 6 Sir Wagar (5th), 10 Chais Du Fondaleur (f), Tumble Jack (4th), 12 Proverblai Rose (6th), 25 The Undertaker (pu), 33 Notre Chevel (f), 10 ran, NR: Brocken Flight, 13, 16t, 14, 11, dist. J. Edwards at Rose-on-Wye. Tole: 22.70: £1.10, £5.70, £7.70. DF: £00.90. GSP: £45.50. Tricast £1,177.74.
3.8 (2m ch) 1, ST WELJAM (Mr C.

Blinkered first time SOUTHWELL: 1.15 Great Service. 1.45 Apie Rocket. 2.15 Langhem Lady. 3.15 Noble Son. 1%l, 4l, hd, hd, 8t. Jimmy Frizgeraid at Mation. Tota: £2.40; £1.40, £1.10, £2.60. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.01.

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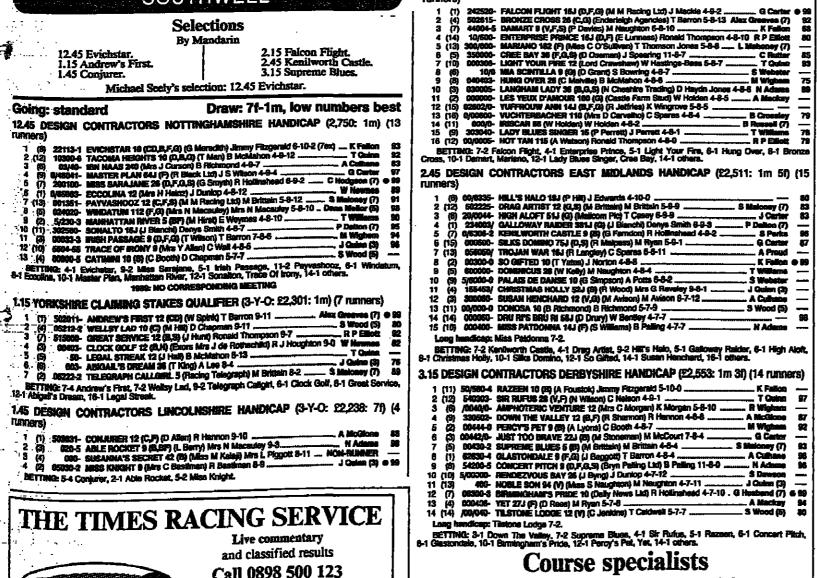
2.52 (2m hdie) 1, Clos On Bole (M Prennan, 4-5 tev); 2, Cajun Dancer (14-1); 3, Vendred Treize (33-1), 8 ran. 7, 15. Mrs N Mecauley, Tota: 21-40, 61-10, £2-00, £4-20, DP: £10.40, CSF: £13.02, £2-55 (2m 44 hdie) 1, High Finance (3 Turner, 11-10 fav); 2, Kurwati Mutar (7-2); 3, Fith Attempt (100-30), 6 ran. 2%, B. R Weswer, Tota: £2-00; £1-10, £2-80, DF: £8.80, CSF: £5.53. 3.25 (2m hdie) 1, Suleix (Gary Lyons, 1-2 fav); 2, Rossoe The Brave (3-1); 3, Hit Beagle (5-1), 3 ran. 10l, 2l. R Hollinshead. Tota: \$1.30. DF: £1.10. CSF: £2.18.

Placasot: £70.50. • The Builder battled home by a courageous half length in the Stewart White Memorial Handicap Chase at Kelso yes-terday, to register his first victory for nearly 34 months.

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BETTING: 5-4 Conjurer, 2-1 Able Rocket, 5-2 Miss Knight.



Base metal on road to Olympic gold

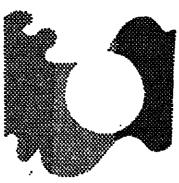
Ivan Patzaikin are two of Romania's greatest sporting figures. Puica took the gold medal in the women's 3,000 metres in Los Angeles in 1984 while Patzaikin is probably Romania's greatest sportsman, having won four Olympic canceing titles and countless silver and bronze medals in five Games between 1972 and 1984. But their lives under Ceausescu were far removed from the lavish existence normally associated with worldclass performance in sport, even in Eastern European terms. They were forced to endure hardship and often found themselves at odds with corrupt and ruthless officials. Now they are free to

speak.

"The peak of my career coincided with the so-called 'Golden Era' of the tyrant," Puica says ruefully. "Together with Paula Ivan [the Olympic 1,500 metres champion] I must have made about a quarter of a million dollars from various awards and endorsements in the last two years but we haven't seen a penny of it. We had to make separate deals with the promoters to give us pocket

The authorities were collecting every penny from us. In normal circumstances I would have collected the money at the end of my career. I am retired now. At one stage they said they would give us about 10 per cent of our winnings. Then they said that they would give some lei [Romanian currencyl but we haven't seen either. Because the bulk of the money went either to the state or into someone's pocket, the only thing we got abroad were the crumbs. It was quite frustrating and somehow humiliating to see that lesser athletes than us were much better paid, whereas we, the Romanians, were treated like second-class

My career suffered early on because of the envy of some coaches and the back-stabbing by some so-called journalists. remember in the early days I could go abroad only once or twice a



AFTER THE REVOLUTION

Chris Thau, a

Romanian journalist

who is based in

England, has returned to his homeland to see

how the fall of the

Ceausescu regime has affected sport and

sportsmen there. In his last report he finds that Olympic success has

been achieved against a background of hardship and deprivation

in charge and coaching his wife, Natalia [the former mile world record-holder]. There was very little chance for me to make a name for myself in only one or two competitions.

Can you believe that there are Romanian sports writers who, in the 23 years of my career, have never spoken to me. For them only gold medals were good, silver and bronze were simply not good enough. That was a reflection of the official policy. There is one journalist who has done so much damage to Romanian sport.

"I am amused reading his



Free to speak at last: Puica and Patzaikin, pictured together after the revolution, often found themselves at odds with Ceanseson's officials

criticizing the same people he was praising a few months ago.
"I remember the 1984 Olym-

pics. I was ill before the 1,500 metres final so I came only third. By that time the management of the Romanian delegation had become so full of themselves that they wouldn't even speak to an athlete winning anything less than gold. After the race I went to the headquarters of the Romanian delegation. The top brass were drinking champagne and I remember that I was holding the medal in my hand. They didn't Munich Olympics I won my gold even look or say well done. Gold— and a silver and all they said then

Patzaikin endorses those sentiments. "The same thing happened to me at the Olympics," he says. "In 1976 I missed the gold in Montreal and suddenly I became a non-nerson. In Los Angeles I won the silver in the first race and they wouldn't even talk to me. The following day I went beyond my limits to win the Olympic title. I saw the film of the race and I couldn't recognize myself. My face didn't have anything human in it. "I remember in 1972 at the

published my photograph in the sports newspaper, nor was I interviewed on TV because I refused to cut my hair short and

"Traditionally Olympic champions are presented with a cash reward. In 1984, when I came back from Los Angeles we were told that we were not going to get any money because it was Ceausescu who sent us to the Olympics and without him we would never had a chance to get the medals.

"During the last few years most

secuted. Some of them had to suffer for what they said, some of them for what they didn't say, but someone somewhere informed on them. Some have been accused of not trying hard enough, some had to suffer for the actions of their brothers, sisters or friends. If one of your relatives decided to go abroad or defect, that was the end of your career. We were told not to talk to foreigners and I know some athletes who finished their careers because they did, I wanted badly to compete and, because of that, I didn't make any friends with

athletes overseas. Now that the

Finding it difficult to express the truth

Media coverage of sports was kept under close control. After an early flirtation with leading sporting figures, designed to boost his image and popularity, Ceausescu ended up by banning some of the most famous Romanian athletes from the pages of the newspapers and the television screen.

The front covers of the Romanian magazines ceased to publish head and shoulder shots of individual athletes. As an example Mircea Anglescu, the interim Sports Minister, cited the case of the gymnast, Nadia Comaneci. He said: "The fairy of Montreal became a non-person during the last few years. She was driven to sheer desperation by the regime. After Montreal, Ceausescu made her hero of socialist labour. Afterwards, he would avoid having any personalities around. The promotion of any individual was ex-pressly forbidden."

Francis Vashtag, the first Romanian to win an amateur world title in boxing, was particularly unlucky. Ceausescu was involved in one of his traditional visiting sprees in the country and the tame Sportul newspaper devoted so much space to him that it failed to report Vashtag's achievement for three days.

"If Ceausescu's photo was on the front page, no other picture was allowed to appear", Radu Timoste, a reporter with the daily newspaper, Gazeta Sporturilor,

"We journalists became the pawns of the national sports council who used us to pursue their own interests or cover up their failures. We made an insignificant win look big and had to falsify match reports to please some top politicians. We lied knowingly and for me personally this was my professional death sentence," he said.

Cornel Dinu, the deputy sports minister, identified one of the most pressing problems for the country, and for journalists in particular, of life after the revolution, "After several decades of dictatorship, people are either used to give orders or to obey orders and it's very difficult to make them respect and use their newly won democratic rights," he

Paul Iovan, the veteran sports journalist, said: "After such a long time in darkness we find difficulty in expressing the truth. We have struggled to find the way to be honest. We are unused to thinking freely. We still wait for someone to come and give us some orders and above everything else there is the self-censorship which was a means of survival and is now preventing us from being free.

"Ceausescu encouraged the most base characteristics in human beings: disloyalty, envy and treachery.'

A grim reality lies behind the glare of success

Nicolae Ceausescu, a proud owner of the Olympic Order, was in fact squeezing the life out of Romanian sport. The more seccessful Romanian sport became, the greater the and women had to endur

The decision to send Romanian athletes to Los Angeles in 1984 -widely praised in sporting circles

— had nothing to do with love for sport and Olympic ideals. Romania's presence in the

Olympics was part of Ceausescu's desire to challenge the Soviets and steal the headlines in the West. Whereas there was still some kind of excitement surrounding Roma-Angeles - amply relayed, without charge, on television by the Americans, the equally impressive showing in Seoul was met by the Romanian public with indifference. Accordingly, the Roma-nian television station showed only limpses of the Olympic action in South Korea. The change of attitude was because the reality behind the Olympic glare of success was grim. Corruption, treachery, sycophancy, denunci-ation and extortion had become coaches became pawns in the political game.

"Romanian sport has been a perfect reflection of the events in society during the past decade. It was a tragedy," Mircea Angelescu, the interim Sports Minister, said. "There was the rhetoric on the

one hand; the wonderful conditions and on the other the reality; a dwindling number of grounds and facilities, a cutback in funding, a decrease in the number of partici-pants. Romanian sport had been run by competent and dedicated people, was invaded by party and

of villages, cities and towns wiped out countiess sports facilities. In Cluj, for example, a city with almost half a million inhabitants,

there is only one sports complex."

For example, an expansion of the no-go area surrounding the Bucharest villa of Ceausescu led to the loss of the Floreasca sports complex. Snagov Lake, on the outskirts of Bucharest, became a forbidden area and the once famous Snagov Regatta simply disappeared from the calendar.

The Tineretulai complex, where I spent countless hours training in my youth 25 years ago, is practically a wreck and it would take a huge financial effort to bring it back to a functional state again. Romanian sport, which was once

search of a comfortable administrative chair. Nicu Ceausescu, the son of the dictator, before leaving his position as leader o sports jobs for his friends. One, Alexandru Parascivescu,

became the secretary of the trackand-field federation. Constantin Nicolae took over ice bockey and Dorin Lancranjan became the dictator at the kayak canoe federa-tion. They are all on their way out

or have already gone.

Anglescu said: "I have told all federations to hold democratic, secret elections until March. We had the so-called communist elecappointed or vetted people who took over positions in sport. At the same time, I had to replace some of the incumbents in some federa- an incriminating chip placed not good enough tions because athletes and coaches innocuously inside the body of the athletes," he said.

TENNIS

Cash wins return

to active service

From Barry Wood, Sydney

Pat Cash yesterday played his

first competitive match since tearing an Achilles tendon last

April, as he partnered Mark

Kratzmann to a 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 victory over Paul Annacone and

Christo Van Rensburg in the first round New South Wales

After some problems with his

serve. Cash settled down and impressed with his sharpness,

especially at the net.
Although he is not yet ready

to test himself in singles, he will perform again at the Australian

championships next week, with

"I've got quite a way to go until I'm fully fit, but there are four weeks to the Davis Cup and I'd like to play in that, either singles or doubles," Cash said. "Wimbledon is the first grand slam I have a chance of doing well in, and by then I should be playing really well," added the 1987 champion.

Ivan Lendl and Boris Becker, the top seeds, reached the third round, but Tim Mayotte, the fourth seed, was beaten 7-6, 6-2 by Pete Sampras and Andres Compare the girls and pro-

Stefan Edberg.

of genuine prestige came to me and said that the man in charge was likely to sabotage the efforts to get a democratic structure in place." The Securitate had been running Romanian sport. Travelling

abroad meant getting the famous visa, in other words, an official ission that was always the privilege of the loathed secret In an attempt to stem the adless string of defections, ath-

letes have been followed abroad by Securitate men, other residents at the Romanian embassies abroad or travelling with a team as "advisers". The telephones in the entire building of the sports mintry, were tapped. Journalists at the sports newspaper and sports of-ficials were delighted to show me the former Olympic champion and world-record holder in the wom-en's high jump, Iolanda Balas, was surprised to find out that she still had many friends "For the last three years I

hadn't received any Christmas

cards. Suddenly, after the revolution, about 30 arrived from all over the world," she said. Gheorgag Dimeca, the coach of Olympic medal-winners, Tamara Costache and Noemi Lung, said:
"All our results basically defy the conditions. We had to train in cold

swimming pools because of the energy saving programme. We left for a tour of the USA and Australia literally "The persecution of certain athletes led to defections and

despondency. The food was simply

not good enough for top-class

YACHTING

Fart to design a Round the World Race yacht suitable for

series building, probably in New Zealand. The OMYA planned

to control the class and draw royalties from each boat with the idea providing the associ-ation and its officers with a

The one oversight in the plan

Skippers reject new class

The controversial proposal by the newly formed Offshore S250,000 to commission Bruce French yacht, which is still at Maxi Yacht Association Farr to design a Round the COMYA) for a 60st Whitbread World Race yacht suitable for One-design class has been given a firm rebuttle by the skippers competing in the lower order of this year's Round the World Race.

At a meeting of the pressure group during the Auckland stopover, Bruno Dubois, skipper of the Belgian entry, Rucanor Sport, who has been elected as spokesman for the division 2 and 3 boats, spelt out their reasons for not wishing to compete in a One-design class.

The maxi skippers and representatives, led by Pierre Fehlmann and Harold Cudmore, called on Whitbread

Swift victory earns Britons a share of lead

Alan Bax, of Britain, crewed by Alan Lockhart and sailing Willy Wonka, led around every mark to win the second race of the World Flying 15 class champ-ionship on Waterloo Bay yes-terday (Bob Ross writes). Bax and Lockhart, third in the first heat, share the points lead with Roger Craddock and Mat-thew Smith, of New Zealand, sailing Furthermore, who won the first race and came third in

the second.

Willy Wonks led by eight seconds at the first mark and gradually increased that lead to 2min 15sec by the finish, a big margin in a fleet of this quality.

RESULTS: Second race: 1, Willy Works (A Bax, UK); 2, Fitssh-En (G Wigg, N2), 2min 15sec behind; 3, Furthermors (R Craddock, N2), 2min 22sec 4, Cunning Stunt (I Cleavor, Aus); 5, Birldlanding (P Gunzburg, Aus); 6, Different Priorities (J Weston, N2); 7, R U Shore (R Goodenough, UK).

was thinking who might buy and sail these yachts. Certainly not the maxi skippers who were to benefit from the deal. Now, it appears, the skippers of the smaller yachts, who were not consulted about the idea, are equally disenchanted.

outlook and would back only boats that were designed and built in their own countries, thus negating any cost savings associated with multi-He also pointed out that much of the pre-race publicity associated with the design, plan-

French yacht, which is still at sea. He explained that most

with a One-design. Instead, Dubois suggested that the second division should remain orientated to the International Offshore Puls and International Offshore P Dubois spoke for all the Offshore Rule and set at a level rating of 60ft, 10ft below the

Terlain still on course after dismasting blow

After 24 hours of heroic improvisation in the Southern Ocean, Jean-Yves Terlain in his the Kerguele Ocean, Jean-Yves 1 errain in his 60th sloop, UAP, is still racing in the Globe Challenge non-stop single-handed round the world race, despite having been dismasted 900 miles south of Cape He has turned back to an

easterly course, having been heading north, apparently to-wards Cape Town and retirement from the race, and has told the Paris headquarters that he plans to race on under the jury rig he has assembled from the wreckage of his original mast. Terlain and UAP were run-

ning at 15 knots under small mainsail and narrow Soling jib,

with the larger genoa headsail boomed-out on the opposite side to the mainsail, when the mass collapsed, breaking in

Approaching the longitude of the Kerguelen islands, but further south at 52 South, Titouan Lamazou continues to lead by Lamazou continues to lead by over 350 miles, but his apparent unassailability is under serious threat from Van de Heede in 36.15 Met. In the past four days VDH, as he is universally known in France, has moved up from fifth to third.

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The international jury has awarded Loick Peyron 14.3 hours for the time lost in standing by the capsized Philippe Pouron lippe Poupon.

Although the emergency lasted 20 hours, the jury noted that Peyron did not have to turn back for Poupon, but sailed 60 degrees off his intended course. Alain Gautier, who also diverted towards Poupon's pos-ition, is awarded 13.3 hours.

Sponsor pumps money into sport

Youth teams in Scotland and £75,000 boost from Esso Sport at two sponsorship launches this week (Craig Lord writes). In Scotland, a package of more than £55,000 will go

costs of schools football matches, the Irish Horse Trials Society's 12 one-day trials, and the international race programme of the Esso youth towards the development pro-grammes of schools football, swimming squads.

Some of the cash will help stage the National Boys Golf national youth swimming, and golf, as well as covering the costs Championship, while the Esso-AAA Five-Star award scheme of the 10-round Scottish champ-

More than £23,000 will go to youth teams in Northern Ire-land. The money will help with

for athletics, in which more than 8,000 schools in Britain participare, will also benefit. At the launch in Belfast, David Baxter, of Esso Petro-leum, said: "Our philosophy is to provide opportunities for as many young people as possible to take part in their chosen activities, as well as supporting the more talented youngsters in their aspirations to become our

Artificial race has open look

From Ray Robinson, Schladming, Austria

The snow drought gripping all Alpine regions in Europe is beginning to cause serious concern to the World Cup or But preparing a fast race ski in Bell, 45th, and Graham Bell, 50th and Graham Bell, 5 decision by the FIS technical delegate to cancel all World Cup events after the Val Gardena men's downhill has left the races and no imminent forecast upset win.

The Schladming race or-ganizers and tourist office have been quick to act. Over the past

Setback for Girardelli

Schladming, Austria (Reuter) -Marc Girardelli, the World Cup holder, had a second operation yesterday following his crash in ago and suffered back, rib and a super-giant slalom last month and will be out of action until at He had an operation at least next month, his father said

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wax under artificial snow conditions has caught the tech-nicians on the hop. The combination of artificial snow on what is essentially a "gliders" downbil! course could create an In the first of the two training

sessions on Tuesday the dif-ference between the winner, Attle Skaardal, of Norway, and Helmut Hoeflehner, of Austria, two weeks, officials have spent in second position, was a more than £100,000 on covering staggering 1.59 seconds. Ronald the Planai downhill run, a Duncan, of Great Britain, from

Girardelli crashed heavily during the season's second super-giant in Sestriere a month ago and suffered back, rib and

Christmas on his badly bruised

The winner of the last down-

hill in Schladming in 1988, Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, improved on his third position in the first training run, to win the second. Skaardal, of Norway, showing consistent form, finished 0.31sec behind the Swiss man and ahead of Spardellotto, of Italy, by Ronald Duncan finished in an

impressive 23rd place, Martin Bell improved his position to 36th, and his brother, Graham, finished in a disappointing 61st place. The third and final training run yesterday was won by Zurbriggen.

The first official practice run

for the women's World Cup downhill event at Haus-im-Ennstal, Austria, on Saturday was called off yesterday for

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Auckland (AP) - Ramesh Krishnan, of India, the defending champion, struggled past Bruce Derlin, of New Zealand, 7-6, 7-5 yesterday to advance to the quarter-finals of the New Zealand Open championship. Krishnan, who is unseeded,

had to save two set points in the first set tie-break. He then led 4-I in the second set but allowed Derlin back to 4-4 before taking "You only need to turn a few

points the other way and it could have been 7-6, 7-5 for him," Krishnan said. Derlin said that he had not played aggressively enough in the second-round match. Magnus Gustafsson, of Sweden, the third seed, Amos Mansdorf, the fifth seed, and Scott Davis, of the United States, the eighth seed, joined Krishnan in the last eight.

form beating Jeremy Bates, of Great Britain, 6-2, 6-0 in 51 minutes. From 1-2 in the first utive games to set up a quarter-final clash with Krishnan. Davis had four match points in the second set against Dan Goldie, a fellow American, but

was forced into a third set before

winning 6-1, 6-7, 6-2. Mansdorf, the 1988 cham-pion, beat Olivier Delaitre, of France, 6-2, 7-5 in 74 minutes. The Israeli will meet the winner of today's second-round match between Americans Jimmy Arias and Glenn Layendecker.

RESULTS: Second round: M Gustafsson (Swe) bt J Bates (GB), 8-2, 6-0; A Manadorf (Isr) bt O Delante (Fr), 6-2, 7-5; R Krishnan (India) bt B Derin (NZ), 7-6, 7-, 5: S Davis (US) bt D Goldie (US), 6-1, 6-7,

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Roy Aitken, who completed a £500,000 move from Celtic to a written apology yesterday Newcastle United yesterday, from a supporter who tried to said he did not believe that the attack him at St James' Park transition to second division on New Year's Day, when the football would affect his chances of leading Scotland in side were defeated by Wolverhampton Wanderers. the World Cup finals in Italy Bryan Gunn, the Norwich

City goalkeeper, will appear before an FA disciplinary "Andy Roxburgh (the Scotland manager) knows how I commission on January 22 to answer a charge of bringing play. In any case he has usually picked me for Scotthe game into disrepute. land on my past perfor-The FA acted after Gunn commented in a newspaper article about incidents at the mances," the central defender, aged 31, said yesterday. What happened at Celtic is now behind me. I've never left

a club before and this is an

exciting new challenge for me.

Newcastle to the sort of suc-

are few and far between in

football today but I am

them. I am looking to him to

Gemmili did for me when I

signed him from Nottingham

Forest and he helped

Hymena's run of good form

continued with a 2-1 away win over Larne, enabling them to leapfrog over Linfield and Genavon into third place, two

points adrift of the joint leaders and one ahead of Gienavon.

Linfield have been League champions 10 times in the last

la seasons. In winning the title last year, they dropped only 13 points, losing three matches and drawing twice, while registering 21 was to finish 12 points clear

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Partick 1, Morton 2. Second division:
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Openshaw's

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West not taken.

Openshaw, of Britain, showed

contest between the two No. 1s.
Robert Fulford and Colin Irwin

Rive their respective opponents, George Latham and Greg Bury, late chances to recover but they

resolve

cess their fans demand."

end of the Arsenal-Norwich first division match at Highbury on November 4 aportioning blame to some home players. Both clubs were I'm looking forward to helping subsequently charged with bringing the game into disrepute and Norwich were Jim Smith, the Newcastle manager, paid tribute to his fined £50,000 and Arsenal latest charge. "Natural leaders £20,000. Meanwhile, Arsenal have

replied to the FA with their observations about the refpleased that Aitken is one of eree's report about the prodo the same kind of job Archie tests of some of their players after the 2-1 defeat by Aston Villa at Villa Park on December 30. A spokesman at Lan-Birmingham City win caster Gate said yesterday that

Glentoran leaving their rivals behind

seven wins. Those statistics make for dismal reading at a While Linfield, the champions, continue to produce inept performances — they played a club weaned on success.
"We are only four points goalless draw against Ards at Windsor Park on Tuesday night "We are only four points adrift and there is still 12matches to be played," Roy Coyle the Linfield manager, says. "Write us off if you wish, but we will be there at the death, mark my words. We should have beaten Ards comfortably. Somebody is going to pay for it Portadown at the top of the Irish League with a 4-0 win away over Crusaders, which makes them favourites to win their second league title in three seasons.

The provincial challenge, however, is still strong with Portadown, Glenavon. Ballymena United and Coleraine all in the top six, which have the control of Somebody is going to pay for it one of these weeks."

LEADING POSITIONS (after 14 matches): 1, Portadown, 27pts; 2, Glentoran, 27; 3, Ballymena United, 25.

● The Irish Cup, sponsored by Bass Ireland Ltd, will this year carry prize-money of £16,700, an increase of 10 per cent over last year (George Ace writes). The winners will receive £6,000 and the runners-up £3,300. The beaten semi-finalists pick up £1,600 each and those eliminated in the quarter-finals £550

The best junior club will receive £500 and there will be five personality-of-the-round awards of £300 each. This is the twelfth year of the Bass sponsor-

fourth round FA Cup tie against Manchester United a day later than scheduled, on Sunday, January 28, at the request of West Mercia police. Police have also set a crowd limit of 12,500 at Elm Park for Reading's fourth round tie against Newcastle.

Hereford will play their

Alan Ball, the Stoke City manager, is set to sell Nicky Morgan to Mick Mills, at present in charge of Colchester United, for the second time in three years. Stoke have taken Gunnar Kislason, the Icelan-dic international defender, on a week's trial.

Sheffield Wednesday also acquired a cosmopolitan note yesterday when two members of the United States World Cup squad - Tony Meola, the goalkeeper, and John Harks, a midfield player - joined the club to train. "We've heard good things about these two lads and they are coming over initially to have a look at the way we do things and we'll take it from there," Ron

Little hope for Dublin club bid

By a Special Correspondent

The so far unborn Dublin city football club, which has no players and no home ground, has been given the thumbs down in the Republic of Ireland and Scotland just 24 hours after its unique and almost cheeky application to join the Scottish second division next season was lodged. The idea was launched by a consortium of Dublin businessmen and ex-Irish international players, who have £2.5 million to invest in it. But both the Scottish FA and league have just about passed it off as one of those Irish jokes, with a touch of the blarney. The Football Association of Ireland and Irish league have followed suit.

The Scottish League committee will discuss the application tonight, but it it is likely to be decided by the 38 Scottish League clubs. Enda McGuill, the president of the League of Ireland, said: "There is no way that an Irish club can hope to compete in Scotland." Dr Tony O'Neill, the FAI general sec-retary, could "see little prospect of it being approved".

of the pack. To date, with 14 games played, they have had five defeats, two draws and only Carter is a key man for Millwall

fine chance to seal the tie for the Manchester club when he Milwall, who have first division survival on their minds turned a cross wide of an empty goal seconds from the end of as well as an FA Cup third round second replay, are hoping to have winger Jimmy Carter fit The Millwall manager, John for Saturday's game with Not-ingham Forest, as well as next Docherty, said it would have been a tragedy for either side to have lost. "I thought it was a Monday's third Cup meeting th Manchester City, which tremendous cup tie and I know Howard Kendall agrees with will be staged at the Den. Carter scored Millwall's goal

Docherty won the toss for on Tuesday but failed to appear choice of venue on Monday and is sure that the majority of the crowd of 17,696 — Millwall's leg injury. Without him Millwall lost the initiative and were best of the season - will be back finally forced into extra time by Colin Hendry's eightieth-

minute header.

It could have been worse, because Clive Allen missed a fine saves to defy Terry Hurlock The City goalkeeper. Andy

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

FA CUP: Third round replays: Derington
1. Cambridge 3; Liverpool 8, Swanses 0;
Milest 1, Manchester City 1 (asc 1-1 after
0 triuties).

HFS LOANS LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Rossendale 2, Eastwood 0, Second round: Rossendale 2, Eastwood 0, Second round: Rossendale 2, Eastwood 1, South Liverpool 2 (ast). Milliant I, Manchester City I (act 1-1 after 80 triuses).

MACLAYS - LEAGUE: Fourth division: fluriby 3, Scarborough 0.

LEYLAND DAF CUP: Proliminary round phy-off: Mansteld 2, Leyton Orient 1.

Fut round: Aldershot 1, Walsall 4: Bolton 2, Lincoln 1; Carlisle 1, Stockport 2 (act 1-1 after 90 minutes); Doncaster 2, Sury 0; Halizar 1, York 1 (act 0-0 after 90 minutes). Halizar 1, York 1 (act 0-0 after 90 minutes). Halizar 1, York 1 (act 0-0 after 90 minutes). Halizar 2, Scunstorpe 1, Wignar 2; Rotherham 3, Huddersfield 0; Tummer 2, Scunstorpe 1. BEAZER HOSES LEAGUE: Westpale Insurance Cap: Third round, second leg: Gloucester 4, Moor Green 3 (act 6-5 on agg). Peraler division: Gravesend 1, Cambridge 1, Seathern division: Winney 2, Hastings 1, Postponed: Erith and Belvedere v Sheppey.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION:

BREMINGHAM SENIOR CUP: Fourth round: Histoowen 2, VS Rugby 2. PONTINES CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Coventry 1, Manchester City 2: Sheffield United 1, Leeds 0. Postponed: Bradford v Liverpool.

roremoun o, Chelsea 1.
SMENOFF RISH LEAGUE: Linfield 0,
Ards 0; Bengor 2, Newry 0; Crussders 0,
Gentoren 4; Larne 1, Ballymena 2.
CAPITAL FINANCE AND LEASING
SOUTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Exeter 0, Bristol City 1; Plymouth Argyle 1,
Bristol Rovers 0.

and Keith Stevens said afterwards: "I felt a bit sorry for Hurlock. Really, he had some great shots but I managed to get to all of them."

Waiting for the eventual win-waiting for the eventual win-ners of this tie will be Cam-bridge United who put out Darlington, the last of the non-League sides, before a crowd of

Feethams for three years. Darlington scored first through Les McJannett but were then undone by the pace of John Taylor, who volleyed a spectacular equalizer and proved a real handful for the home defence.

Philpott and Dublin added further goals for Cambridge who could do with the sort of cash windfall a visit to Maine Road would provide for their first team squad consists of no more than 13 players.

lan Rush scored three goals in game for Liverpool for the first time since his return to Juventus at the start of last season as Swansea were buried 8-0 in the Antield replay. Rush, who had cored twice on five previous occasions this season, recalled: "The last time I scored three was before I went to Italy, when we won 4-3 against Leicester City." Tuesday's goals took his tally to

Craig Brown, was at last night's Everton v Middlesbrough replay to check on the form of the Everton midfield player Stuart McCall-

Total concentration: Ivan Lendl reacts to a shot from his opponent, Andrew Sznajder, during their match in the New South Wales championships in Sydney yesterday. Report, page 38

Mansdorf's place in danger

not believe in mixing sport and

Tel Aviv (Reuter) - The Israel Tennis Association (ITA) is to consider dropping Amos Mansdorf from the Israeli Davis Cup team over comments he made on Nazi Germany, a senior tennis official said

This week Mansdorf, Israel's leading player, said in defence of playing in South Africa that he would probably have played in Nazi Germany because he did

politics.
"We take an extremely grave view of this remark in whatever context and whatever provoca-tion it was made," Kollie

Friedenstein, chairman of the ITA, said. "Our presidium will decide how to react to Mansdorf's deplorable out-Israeli politicians and news-

McEnroe makes effort

Adelaide (Reuter) — John McEnroe, who once vowed never to play again in Australia, is making a big effort to prepare for next week's Australian Open, despite dismissing it as less important than the other grand slam events. He began his preparations at the Rio Inter-

national Challenge in Adelaide.
"I tried to get down here as
early as I could to give myself
the best chance," he said. "I feel like I'm as prepared as I have been, but it's always been a difficult tournament for me." Last year, he won a rock star's welcome when he returned to the Australian Open for the first time since December 1985. He

again after clashes with the media and a shock defeat to Yugoslav Slobodan Zivo-

The move from the Kooyong grass to Flinders Park changed all that and this year, despite insisting that the Open was "not as important as the other big tournaments", McEnroe said he was making a big effort to acclimatize to the Australian

"It's tough, if you go out there and it's 140" Fahrenheit [60"C] on the court, anything could happen. There's not that many guys that are at their best formwise."

disrupted his first round match in the New Zealand Open championships in Auckland on Monday.
Asked by a reporter if he would have played in Nazi Germany, Mansdorf said: "If I

news conference after anti-

apartheid demonstrators had

could have, I probably would. I wish I had the chance." Pinhas Goldstein, an Israeli MP, called for Mansdorf to be banned from the Davis Cup team as unworthy to represent

his country. Mansdorf said in a statement "Looking back on it, what I said may have lent itself to misinter-pretation. Yet, in reflecting on

the past couple of days I believe that the subject matter was grossly taken out of context."

The Foreign Ministry has pressed the ITA for several years to prevent Mansdorf playing in Security African in line with a South Africa, in line with a government policy discouraging sporting links with Presoria. Mansdorf, ranked 39th in the

world, won the South African Open in 1986 and competed again in Johannesburg in 1987. He is due to play for Israel against Argentina in a Davis Cup tie in Buenos Aires beginning on February 2.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Berlin bid gains momentum

staging a historic joint Olympic Games in East and West Berlin have been boosted by two new important pledges of support. The city of Hamburg is withdrawing its bid to host the Games in the year 2,000 or 2,004 in order to switch its

support to Berlin. East Germany's National Olympic Committee gave of-ficial approval to the project at a meeting last weekend, and West Berlin officials now want the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to discuss a joint bid at a meeting later this year. Hans-Juergen Kuhn, who heads West Berlin council's Olympic organisation com-

mittee, said the two states needed to reach a political agreement on the issue and sharpen their plans before an Scotland's assistant manager IOC meeting next September. "We want the IOC then to discuss the fact we are prepared to stage the Games," Kuhn said. "It is no longer a question of whether Berlin will hold the

Berlin (Agencies) - Hopes of Games but how they will hold

The IOC will decide on the venue for the 1996 Games at its Tokyo session in September. It is believed to be sympathetic towards the idea of a joint Berlin Games, but is not scheduled to decide on the venue for the year 2,000 event before 1993.

Hamburg's early withdrawal from West Germany's Olympic race, announced by the mayor, Henning Voscherau, came as a boost to Berlin but a surprise to the rest of West Germany's Olympic candidates.

Apart from a solitary West Berlin stadium which holds 3,000, Berlin cannot presently boast any arenas capable of hosting Olympic competition. "East Germany's agreement to the plan brings the bope that several new arenas will come out of it," Kuhn said.

The West German Government said last month it would provide funds to improve the city's transport system and communications, following

try last staged the Olympics in Munich in 1972.

East German track and field officials have recommended Schmidt be given permission to compete for West Germany, an East German newspaper has reported.

Schmidt, who is still one of

the top-ranked discus throwers in the world, although he will be 66 next week, was expelled from the East German national team in 1981 and sent to prison in 1982 after stating his wish to move to West Germany.

The newspaper said the recommendation to the East

German sports authorities was made by a track and field commission that included Olympic champions Juerger Schult, a discuss thrower, and Ulf Timmermann and Udo Beyer, both shot putters. Schmidt, a former world record bolder, was allowed to leave East Germany in November 1987 and resettled in West **Make-believers** hang on punch

BOXING

SPORT

word of preacher

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Atlantic City

his return at the age of 38 and after an absence of 10 years from the ring an American journalist, appalled by the physical con-dition of the former world heavyweight champion, asked him: "Don't you think you risk being taken for a conman?"

Foreman, who had found himself in the lost 10 years and "I am a preacher. It is my job to make people believe me." You can say he has succeeded

Now, after three years and having clubbed to the floor 18 out of 19 specially picked unfortunates, the preacher has enough people believing in his boxing cause to enable Bob Arum, the promoter, to put on a bout between him and Gerry Cooney, another lost cause, that will guarantee \$1 million to the preacher and \$1 million to the puncher.

Cooney, aged 33, has not boxed since he was knocked out by Michael Spinks 2½ years ago. by Michael Springs 297 years ago-in those intervening years Fore-man even managed to persuade Cooney to invest money in his comeback and Gentleman Gerry Promotions staged several of Foreman's bouts. Whatever next? Tyson, of course.

Foreman has been given a contract by Don King, the big American promoter, but Fore-

man is still thinking about it. No doubt a lot more believers will have to be won to make that match a paying one. Even Foreman's eight children (of whom three are called George and one Georgina) are not absolutely convinced. They joke about their father's perfor-mance. "We turned on the television but we saw some sumo wrestler," they say.

Foreman, who is a minister in his Church of the Lord Jesus Christ in Houston, Texas, first felt the power of God after his defeat by Jimmy Young in San

When George Foreman started Juan, Puerto Rico, in 1977. It was oppressively hot and when he went back to his dressingroom Foreman says he saw Christ. "I met up with Jesus Christ himself." Foreman said. "It took me apart not being a Christian; scared me a little, too. I actually died, then life came back into me after a moment's

> He went home and put away all his trophies and photographs and put boxing and the past out of his life. He settled in a town called Humble and started his church. He preached at street corners and his children were his choir. "People will always weep when they hear young chillun singing," he said yes-terday after training, revealing a

way with words.
He returned to boxing to make money to help street children. Once a street boy himself, he said: "In those days there were no role models on television like we have today. We looked up to guys from prison, guys with scars."

Foreman did not have a scar,

so he went about with a sticking plaster on his face. He uses his money for his church and the George Foreman Youth Center in Houston.
Strong though he has been in

his new calling, there has always been one temptation he has been unable to resist — that of cheeseburgers. Foreman said that as a boy he could not afford to go into the Dairy Queen, so when he became rich he could not stop eating cheeseburgers.

He could not stay away from
Big Macs, Wendy, Burger King
and Jack in the Box. He kept
going back for more and was so embarrassed by his craving that he drove up in different cars each time and once even hired a truck. Sometimes he tried to give the impression he was having a party and bought other

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

World Cup may remove prejudice male institution." Linda White

As the spotlight focuses on the sport's premier event in Italy this summer, preparations for another international football spectacle are in full swing.

Millions of supporters are

eagerly awaiting the xick-off of the men's World Cup, but few are aware of plans to stage the first women's corresponding

women football players have struggled for years to be taken seriously and officials see the 12-nation tournament, to be held in China in November 1991, as a big step.

"Women have proved they can play football with the same still as men." Minual Celes. skill as men," Miguel Galan, a spokesman for the International Football Federation (FIFA),

Said. Galan said FIFA had decided to organize the event, after the huge success of a trial world championship in China last year when Norway beat Sweden in a final watched by a capacity crowd of 80,000.

Women's football rarely appears on sports pages or tele-vision screens, but on the field the game has been steadily gaining players and supporters worldwide

FIFA, which gave its official blessing to women's football only in 1971, wants to see the game included in the 1996 Olympics, Galan said. But while most countries have women's teams - and in some cases a women's league and national side - players everywhere still complain that outdated prejudices are hindering the dev-

elopment of their sport.

"Football is traditionally a

head, secretary of the English Women have been playing football in England for more than a century, but the sport is still fighting to be taken seriously by schools and to attract funds at club level.

In Scandinavia, the heartland of women's football, enthusiasts have encountered fewer ob-stacles. "Women's football has virtually exploded in Norway in recent years," Guttorm Dilling, the national team organizer, said. Dilling said Norway had about 2,300 girls and women's teams compared with 500 a

decade ago.

Officials are optimistic the game will continue growing in the next decade, but some predict it will never attract media attention or financial backing of the men's game. public support for the game is en's match drawing about 200 tators, compared to 4,000 for too men's games. But Whitehead believes the women's game, played to the same rules as the men's but over 80 instead of 90 minutes, has as much to

"It's more interesting to watch because women have to rely on skilful play rather than physical strength. The pace of the game is slower, but both sides play attacking games rather than one side relying on defensive strategy so it's more exciting," she said.

The English women's cup

final, televised for the first time in April, attracted 2.3 million viewers and triggered a surge of

Sprint coach left out

By Peter Bryan

The last of England's teams for the Commonwealth Games fly to Auckland today, but the track squad will be without national sprint coach, Dave Le Grys, a past Games medal winner. Le Grys said yesterday that he had always expected to travel but learned just before Christ-mas that a place would not be made for him.

Seven officials, including a sports psychologist, accompany the 21-strong squad. The team is below strength with top rated sprinter, Neil Potter still recov-ering from a badly broken leg after colliding with a car last month.

Potter will be out of competition for some months

MOTOR RALLYING

Shinozuka overcomes French domination

Gao, Mali (Agencies) - Kenjiro Shinozuka, of Japan, removed the Peugeot drivers out of top spot by winning the twelfth stage of the Paris to Dakar rally yesterday. Ari Vatanen, the Finn, drove his Peugeot 405 into tree, got lost and had to stop several times because his codriver, Bruno Berglund, of Sweden, was ill, but still retained his

ceeded here by by over six minutes in his Mitsubishi. Alain Ambrosino, the Frenchman driving the Peugeot team's 205 back-up car, was second. Vatanen, who had had every-thing his own way until the previous stage, lost more than 40 minutes overall.

Vatagen's collision broke his compass after 270km of the 638km stage, an accident which badly dented a rear wing. Frequent stops for Berglund's benefit also cost time, but the pair are well-placed to retain the title when the race finishes next Tuesday.

Peugeot have retained the four leading places in the rally. Philippe Wambergue moved to 1hr 23min behind Vatanen, and Bjorn Waldegaard, of Sweden.

stood another minute adrift. Ambrosino was almost four hours down.

The motorcycles also had their problems, the leaders all straying from the course after about 300km. Jorge Arcarons, of Spain, on a Cagiva, was not with them and took advantage by winning the stage.

But the Italian, Edi Orioli, another Cagiva rider, was less than three minutes down and he maintained his lead of more than an hour over another Spaniard, Carlos Mas Samora.

The 13th stage on Thursday takes the race a further 412 kms to Timbuktoo.

to Timbuktoo.

RESULTS: Care Twelfin stage (Norwey to Gao, 638un): 1, K Shinozuka (Jepen), Missubshi, 3:01:12 penalties; 2, A Ambrosino (Fr), Peugeot 205, at 6:21; 3, M Pristo-Perus (Sp), Missun, 6:40; 4, B Waldegaard (Swe), Peugeot 405, 6:58; 5, H Auriol (Fr), Buggy, 9:09; 6, A Cowan (GB), Misubshi, 9:39, Overall peediceas: 1, A Vetanan (Fr), Peugeot 405, 20:56; 33; 2, P Wambergus (Fr), Peugeot 205, at 1:23:43, 3, Waldegaard, 1:24:49; 4, Ambrosino, 3:51:25; 5, Cowan, 4:18:48; 6, Shinozuka, 5:23:48, Bioteropoleas Stages: 1, J Arcarons (Sp), Cagiva, 5:56:43; 2, A De Potri (It), Cagiva, at 17:acc; 3; F Picco (It), Yamaha, 2:45; 4, E Oriofi (B), Cagiva, 2:53; 5, C Mas-Samora, at 1:11:21; 3, Picco, 2:26:1; 4, T Magnaldi (Fr), Yamaha, 2:41:03; 5, G Picard (Fr), Sonauto Yamaha, 2:56:39.

RUGBY UNION

Gloucester in toast to new sponsor deal

The West country giants, Gloucester, are set to secure one of the biggest club sponsorship deals in rugby union history with a £250,000 link-up with

Bass, the brewery.

Bass is believed to be giving the money to Gloucester over the remainder of this season and the next three. Neither the club nor Bass

South would confirm the exact amount, but the Gloucester secretary, Terry Tandy, said: "We like to think of ourselves as one of the top clubs and now one of the top brewers is

thinking the same and backing us. It is nice to be recognised in this way."

Tandy said the money would help the club with its ambitious £500,000 development of 14

hospitality suites at one end of the Kingsholm Ground. The Bass South managing director, Clive Buckle, said: "We are delighted to sponsor the great club Gloucester and

look forward to its triumphant

Gloucester, who have played the first half of this season without a big sponsor, were previously supported by the rival brewery, Whitbread.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION 988A; New York Knicks 131, Washington Builets 127 (CT); Los Angeles Cuppers 168, Creminte Homess 98; Desroit Pistone 100, Chicago Buils 90; San Ankonio Spurs 107, Massal Heat 102; New Jersey Nata 87, Boston Cettes 76; Phoenix Suris 121, Los Angeles Laters 118 (CT); Rouston Flockets 97, Seattle Supersonies 90; Secremento Kings 84, Minnesota Timberworkes 70.

CRESTA RUN POL ROGER VARISTY CIP: Cambridge bt Oxford, 0.2sec average. Individual times: Cambridge P Countie (Pambridge, 53.47 act. Lord Delimany (Trinsh), 51.46; J Brocklathank (Magdalana), 53.61; E J Pecks-Drury-Love (Hughes Half), 52.12. Oxford: T Elbrids (Biracences), 48.80; Primos Mettersich-Reibor (Oriel), 53.54; C G Egerton-Wartourton (Christmurch), 55.29; Lord Wroterstey (New Conege), 52.11.

CRICKET SYDNEY: Three-day seatch: Young England 159 for 6 v New South Wales under-19. No play because of rain. Match drawn.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

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GOTHEMEURG: Four-nation tourn Sweden 22, Gzechoslovalda 20: Denm HOCKEY BIRMINGHAM MIDSHIRES INDOOR LEAGUE Bicovich 6, Sourport 6; Bicovich 6, Sourport 5; Cardiff 6, Bournetie 5; Cardiff 0, Sourport 5; Cardiff 0, Bournetie 5.

CRYSTAL PALACE Butterner indeer Langue: Premier division: Chains 10, Faretteen 3; East Grinsteen 5, Old Louphoniers 5; Houndoor S. Stackhouth 6, ARPH/SERNIATIVE MATCH: Essex 2, London University 2.

ICE HOCKEY MATIONAL MOCKEY LEAGUE (MILL: Detroit Red Wings 9, Minnesota Morth Sters 9; Qualter Nordiques 5, Monnes Camadems 2; Extraonero Riera S, Calgary Farnes 2 (07); St Louis Blues 4, Los Angeles Kings 3.

RUGBY UNION CLUM MATCH: Tradegar 19, South Glamor-GEN INSTITUTE 24. REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: FIAF 17. CMS ce 24. TTISH: Pertin Academy C, St Eloylekus 64. SOLIASH RACKETS PRINTED PREMIER LEAGUE: Village Lobuse Hotels: (Leanune London) 3. Weir Systemas Surrey (Surbiton) 0; Leekes Weish Witzards (Cardin) 5. Emblesy Edgiteston Prior (Simpleshams) TABLE TENNIS Tenni\$

VOLLEYBALL Sears Motoralise
Hitton Leeds
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Star Aquila
Poole
MGI Wessex
Bristol Poly
Time Out Spark
Dynamo London

YACHTING

PETERBOROUGH: International match: England 3, China 3 (English names first; N Mason tost to Well Quing (Eugang, 16-21, 20-22, A Cook bit U Shen Tong, 21-14, 14-21, 21-18; C Preen bit Chan Longoun, 22-20, 15-21, 25-23; Cooke bit Wel, 21-11; 31-77; Shanon tost to Chen, 14-21, 9-21; Preen lost to Yu, 19-21, 12-ADELAKUE: Ris International challenge: S Editory (Swe) bt D Cutall (Aus), 5-1, 6-3; J McEnros (US) bt H Laconis (Fr), 6-0, 6-2.

confirmed in London that he had received notification of a positive A sample from 20 urine

Athletics Federation (IAAF) technical director, Mike Gee,

The official said Sun would probably be stripped of her medals giving the Indian, Shiny Abraham, the 800 metres gold.

samples analysed after the

ATHLETICS

Positive drugs test by Chinese medal winner Delhi (Reuter) - A leading Chinese woman athlete has

tested positive for drugs at the Asian track and field champion ships here last November, a senior Indian athletics official said an International Olympic Committee (IOC) laboratory report had revealed. The official of the Indian Athletics Federation, who requested anonymity, said yes-

terday the report named Sur

Sumei, gold medal winner in the

800 metres and anchor of Chi winning women's relay team.

The official said the report. prepared by the IOC-accredited Mitsubishiyuka Laboratory in Tokyo, found Sun's urine sam-ple contained "a higher testerone to epitesterone ratio and traces of Meianienone and Methiltestosterone were found. The International Amateur

overall lead. Shinozuka, who won the longest stage last Saturday, suc-

The financially stricken Great Britain Luge Association is ready to throw in the towel and abandon its fight for survival. 'It's simply impossible for us to carry on any longer," Chris Dyason, the secretary, admitted last night.

"We've told our two top competitors, Nick Ovett and Annabel Nash, that there's no way we can support them any nore after this weekend's European championships in

Igls.
"The way things are at the moment it could be the end of the Great Britain Lage Association. We're run by a five-man committee who are personally responsible for guaranteeing our bank overdraft. We're over £1,000 in debt, and with the Sports Council still refusing us any assistance, we simply can't carry the burden any

longer," Dyason said.
"The Sports Council are apposed to be the government supports sport. But in our case they have done the opposite. It was typical of the way they work that they left it until a couple of weeks before the start of the season before

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informing us we would be receiving nothing from them in the way of an annual grant this

"You could not run a busioess under such circum stances, and despite all our leas for help, none has been forthcoming. We've never stopped trying to attract some sponsorship and will continue to do so. But the simple truth of the matter is that we can't afford to operate any longer.

"There's no money to buy petrol for our minibus, which is our only asset, and no money to pay for our coach, or even for track fees. It's sad to say, but we've reached the end of

"For the people involved it's a real tragedy because a lot of hard work has gone into establishing our credibility in the sport.

Four years ago, following the Coe Report, the Luge Association was awarded £60,000 as its slice of the cake leading up to the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. The grant was cut to £20,000 last winter and wiped out altogether this season.

"The reasons we were given were because we were not a mass-participant sport and don't cater for the old, disabled or disadvantaged," Dyason said. "But it wouldn't cost a lot to enable Nick and Annabel to compete in the last four rounds of the World Cup and the world championships in Calgary next month."

Nick Ovett, the younger brother of Steve Ovett, is also likely to be forced out of the sport after the European championships this weekend.

Britain's Liverpool may be A conducted tour of Gooch luge body on forced to restore the slide fences at Anfield By Chris Moore

"We have taken down the

course of a match. They must

act in a more responsible

"Obviously, we are very

concerned about what hap-

pened on Tuesday night. If we

were to find this sort of thing

happening on anything like a regular basis we would have to

consider putting up fencing in front of the visiting supporters

and that is something which

we do not want to do," he

Liverpool, who have al-

ready announced their inten-

tion to make Anfield an all-

seat stadium within the next

a safety first strategy follow-

"It may be too much of a risk to play him this weekend,

but a friendly match is the

ideal way in which to ease him

The United board of direc-

tors will discuss Luton's re-

quest for an extension to

Donaghy's loan period, which expires on Monday. With

Ferguson keen to keep Les

Sealey, the Luton goalkeeper

who is on loan with United,

that request will almost cer-

United's FA Cup fourth

round tie against Hereford

United has been put back to

Sunday, January 28, at the

request of West Mercia police,

who fear that they would be

unable to cope with a Saturday

McAvennie, who broke his

course. He hopes to resume

play next month.

tainly be granted

ssions with the club's

Robson may play in

Luton testimonial

Bryan Robson, the captain of Trafford, but he has opted for

warned yesterday that it might bars in what they refer to as be necessary to reinstate perimeter fencing in front of them with the respect they visiting supporters should there be a repetition of the deserve," he said. pitch invasions that marred Tuesday night's FA Cup refencing at our ground but now play against Swansea City.

Twice in the second half of a game that Liverpool won 8-0. Swansea supporters breached police cordon in front of the Anfield Road stand and ran

Although stewards and police officers quickly apprehended the culprits and ejected them from the stadium, the match had to be halted during the second incident when a lone supporter ran the length of the pitch with his arms raised aloft.

Peter Robinson, the chief executive of Liverpool, said that safety and security regula-tions at Anfield would have to be reviewed if similar events happened in the future.

"Supporters have complained for a very long time that they have been treated two years, have made strenu-

Manchester United and Eng-

land, is expected on Monday

to play his first game in more

an three weeks (Ian Ross

Robson has been pencilled

in to play against Luton Town

at Kenilworth Road in a

testimonial game for Mal Donaghy, the United defender

who is on loan to Luton.

Robson has been unable to

puscle at Anfield on Decem-

ber 23, and has been receiving

intensive treatment. He has

missed United's last four

games, including Sunday's FA

Cup third round win over

Nottingham Forest at the City

Alex Ferguson, the United

manager, had been considering including Robson in the

side for the Saturday's game

before Christmas (Dennis

the Commercial Managers'

in the Football League Exec-

utive Staffs Association

Signy writes).

against Derby County at Old fixture.

Blower seeks apology

Frank McAvennie, the £1.25 (FLESA) was celebrating his

million West Ham United and 48th birthday. He has taken

Scotland forward, is being legal advice but yesterday told

called on to publicly apologize his solicitors to hold affidavits

to Brian Blower, the club's from independent witnesses

commercial manager, follow- about an alleged assault in

ing an incident at a private front of his wife and three

party in an Essex hotel just children, pending an apology.

Liverpool Football Club like animals and put behind ous attempts to improve spectator safety and comfort in the cages. They have said that wake of last season's Hillsfootball clubs do not treat borough disaster.

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Robinson pointed out: "We are trying to create a stadium where people can watch foot-

we find supporters abusing "We would like to think their new found freedom by that we provide all visiting running onto the pitch. supporters with a good seat Supporters really cannot which provides a good vancriticize clubs if they cannot behave themselves during the

"The view of the club, the referee and the police is that Tuesday night's incidents were born out of high spirits but, even so, we do not want

Doug Sharpe the chairman of Swansea City, also con-demned those supporters involved in the invasious. "It is not good for Swansea City and it is not good for football when a few mindless idiots try to take the gloss off what was a big occasion," he said.

Merseyside Police said yesterday that of the 10 people arrested in or near the ground on Tuesday night, only two were from South Wales.

United manager for the last yesterday by announcing his had earned an FA Cup fourth round tie against either Millwall or Manchester City.

Cambridge hit back from did little to influence

"I know this will come as: shock to most people, but I

John Beck, his assistant, will carry on for the rest of the shareholder, still wants to be

Lawrie McMenemy yes-

McMenemy, a frequent visitor to Fratton Park since his career collapsed at Sunderland, said he was not interested in the vacancy caused by Gregory's sacking last week

Frank Burrows, the assis-

A surprise departure by Turner Chris Turner, the Cambridge

four years, stunned the club resignation 12 hours after they

being a goal down in a third round replay at Darlington on Tuesday night to win 3-1, but Turner's decision.

have been thinking about it for 10 days. I decided it was time for a change," Turner

season, but Turner, a major connected - as a possible

terday pulled out of the race to replace John Gregory as man ager of Portsmouth because he is still committed to their rivals Southampton.

after only 50 weeks in charge.

Blower, who is chairman of left leg on the opening day of tant manager, will continue as the season, was at Lilleshali caretaker for the moment. Association and a leading light yesterday on a rehabilitation Earlier this week, Portsmouth signed Mick Hazard, of Chel-

Packing his bag for the West Indies: Gooch, the England cricket captain, under close press surveillance after he and his team trained at Lilleshall yesterday. Report, page 35

Senna must eat humble pie to renew his licence

Ayrton Senna's war of words

with the governing body of motor sport took an ugly turn vesterday when Jean-Marie Balestre, the FIA president, announced that the sport's World Council had refused to grant him a licence to take part in the 1990 world champion-

Senna has until February 15 to reapply for his licence, but Balestre said that any application would be refused unless he withdrew the allegations he had made to the media that the 1989 championship had been manipulated by the French-dominated FIA to give the title to Alain Prost, his Marlboro McLaren team partner.

The FIA president said that Senna had refused to with-

of this year's Le Mans 24-hour

sports car race going ahead

talks on the event's future.

president of the International

(FISA), told a news conference

there would be no more

negotiations with Le Mans

organizers until they apolo-

gized publicly for what he

called "a campaign of defama-

SPORT IN BRIEF

sport's governing body set a ous

Motor Sports Federation given

Paris (Reuter) - The chances tion against FISA".

receded yesterday when the be built on the track's notori-

new condition on resuming Mulsanne straight, where

Jean-Marie Balestre, the had been recorded, before

he said.

asked to do so at an FIA teries" in preparation for the in December and that his occasion had shocked mem- retraction. bers of the council.

The Brazilian driver, who won the world championship in 1988, but then had an acrimonious relationship with Prost throughout most of last ban for dangerous driving, following the controversial collision between the two drivers in the Japanese grand prix, the outcome of which effectively handed the 1989 title to Prost.

Balestre added that FISA

still insisted that two chicanes

speeds of more than 400kph

approval for the race could be

No foreign drivers would be

able to take part in the race if

FISA's approval was withheld,

Last month FISA removed

the Le Mans event from this

hearing into the matter early new season, it now seems certain that he will have to arrogant behaviour on that make some sort of public

season, was fined £61,000 and intimated that they will purgiven a suspended six-month sue this matter through all the legal processes available to achieve justice and fair play.

mood to retract his comments in Phoenix in March, no before he returned home from matter how much humble pie draw his allegations when Paris to "recharge his bat- he has to eat to do so.

Meanwhile, McLaren have their own dispute with the FIA over Senna's disqualification from the Japanese race, in which his car was first across the finishing line, and have

However, Senna's remarks concerning the drivers' title are a separate issue, and the team and its sponsors will be expecting him to make him-Although Senna was in no self available for the first race

FISA has Le Mans doubts

ferent bowls game. Players who could justifiably claim their earnings from playing programme because of secbowls were not their principa unity concerns over the income found it much harder straight, but agreed to protect to swear that such earnings seven-kilometre its place in the calendar until had not exceeded their ex-January 31 to allow time for penses. But now they were negotiations with race or-ganizers, the Automobile Club being asked whether the excess, if any, was "excessive".

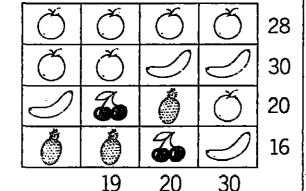
"I've been playing bowls for more than 40 years," Bryant Balestre said 100 lives had said, "and I can guarantee that been lost on the Mulsanne I've spent a lot more on straight in 35 years, 83 of them playing the game during that in a horrific accident in 1955 time than I've ever earned in when a Mercedes ploughed prize-money." Maybe so ... through a crowd of spectators. but was that the question he was being asked? Nobody seemed to know, but his answer clearly satisfied the

Bowls, happily, faces this problem only once every foor years. The terms "amatem" and "professional" became irrelevant as soon as bowle went "open" in 1981, and no problems have arisen subsequently - except when eligibility for Commonwealth

for the very top performers. Without the Bryants, Alicocks

sport) but simply "open" enter the 21st century.

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All-clear for Raducanu to play in Scotland

Scotland last month, has been writes). given permission by the Romanian authorities to play in Scotland

Raducanu, aged 22, disfully guarded secret but he is federation. believed to have close contacts with Boroughmuir.

This latest development is bound to fuel speculation that the forward will play for the Edinburgh club.

● An attempt to bring to-gether the 1989 British Lions

Allen locks in to win a first cap for Wales

By Gerald Davies

For the game against France on Saturday week, in Cardiff, the Welsh rugby union selectors have introduced one new cap into the team which lost to New Zealand in November. He is Andrew Allen, of Newbridge, who will occupy one of the lock positions alongside Kevin Moseley. Gareth Liewellyn, of Neath, is left out altogether and Phil Davies moves to the blind side of the scrum,

The back division sees the return of Mark Titley, of Swansea, on the wings, who last played for Wales against West-ern Samoa in 1986. Mike Hall moves into the centre instead of David Evans, whilst Evans, in turn, moves to stand-off half instead of Tony Clement

Instead of Tony Clement
WALES: P Thorburn (Nesth); M Titley
(Swarsaa), M Ring (Cardiff), M Heit
(Bridgend), A Emyr (Swarsae); D Evans
(Cardiff), R Jones (Swarsee, capt), M
Griffiths (Cardiff), K Phillips (Nasth), D
Young (Cardiff), P Davies (Lianell), A
Allien (Newtridge), K Mossley (Pontypool), G Jones (Lianell), M Jones (Nesth), A
Glement (Swarsee), A Boom (Cambridge
University), G Jones (Pontypool), M
Parego (Lianell), H Williams-Jones
(South Wales Police),

Cristian Raducanu, the to play in a fund-raising match Romanian lock forward, who defected after the game against been called off (David Hands Richard Jenkins, chairman

of the Hove club. has withdrawn his proposal to play a match at Brighton and Hove appeared from his hotel Albion football ground on shortly after the post-match April 29, though he was dinner and requested to stay commended by the RFU yesin Britain. Since then his terday for his enthusiasm to whereabouts have been a care- bring aid to the Romanian "We were the last union to

visit Romania, in May, and the hospitality we were offered under such difficult circumstances was marvellous," Dudley Wood, the secretary of the Rugby Union, said. After the revolution, page 38

Ayr sign a

Gretzky

Ayr Raiders have signed Keith Gretzky, the younger brother of Wayne, the world's leading

ice hockey player, as a

replacement for the injured

Gretzky will make his debut

for Ayr in the Heineken

League match at home to

Peterborough Pirates on

Cuskin leads

Paul Cuskin leads the England

team in the Scottish cross

country union's six-mile cen-

tenary race at Irvine on

Back on track

Johannesburg (Reuter) - The

modernized Kyalami track

here is to stage Formula One

testing sessions next week, a

sign that international motor

racing may return to South

Danny Shea.

Saturday,

Saturday.



Fenech: three titles

Youth sauad The British Amateur Rugby

League Association has named a squad of 22 players to prepare for the youth international match against France at Barrow on March 3. 21 DATTOW O'R MATCH 3.

SOUAD: D Archer (Berrow), C Booth (Gastleford), M Calliand (Olcham), M Crane (Humberside), M Derspsey (Workorgton), J Dyson (Devsbury), D Elfott (Wintehaven), S Gertland (Olcham). J Mather (Widnes), I McCrae (Hull), C Parr (Wigan), M Pinteley (Hull), D Pat (Widnes), M Ribey (Widnes), S Segir (Whitehaven), M Smith (Castleford), C Wassall (Barrow), C White (Widnes).

Hands off Sydney (AP) - Jeff Fenech, of

Australia, who hopes to add the World Boxing Council super-featherweight championship to three titles he has already won at different weights, may not box until May after undergoing hand

Early start Auckland (AP) - Ghana ar-

rived yesterday for the Commonwealth Games, the first national team to do so and three days before the official Games village opens.

Cup congress The Rugby Football Union

will stage an international coaching conference from October 15 to 18 next year as part of three congresses planned by the International Rugby Football Board as part the 1991 World Cup. Scotland will host a medical | July. conference and Wales a referees conference.

Stewards rule Rouse results can count Andy Rouse has won his

de l'Ouest (ACO).

appeal against disqualification from two rounds of last year's British touring car championship. The verdict of the RAC stewards means Rouse wins class A of the championship and is third overall.

Rouse's results in the races at Silverstone on Grand Prix weekend and at Brands Hatch a week later were struck out after an allegation that the turbocharger on his Ford Sierra RS500 had been modified. Colin Wilson, an RAC Motor Sport Association spokesman, said yesterday: The stewards accepted the work he had done on his turbocharger was a repair rather than a modification."

There is no date to hear Allan McNish's appeal against disqualification from his British Formula Three win last

brought in from the cold

Bryant

By David Rhys Jones

itors in the XIVth Con wealth Games at Anckland will be three bowlers who were forced to miss the last Games at Edinburgh, because they were considered to be proessionals. The way they have been readmitted to the amateur ranks may interest follow ers of other sports.

David Bryant and Tony Allock, of England, and Willi Wood for Scotland were personae non gratae at Balgreen; all three will play at Pakuranga, thanks to a uifty redefinition of the word "amateur" by the International Bowling Board (TBB).

been string by the sight of Wood, the 1982 gold medal winner, paying to go through while just down the road at rbank, amateurs like Daley Thompson, Seb Coe and Fatima Whithread were Wood was then — and still is

 a modest, self-employed motor mechanic from Gifford, who had dreamed of defending carned his boats by winn to his ability to roll woods in the right direction at the right

Eligibility rules rapidly redrawn

Recognizing that Wood was term, the IBB, in its wisdom. decreed that "all players are elicible for selection for Commonwealth Games except those whose principal source of income is derived from playing the game of bowls".

The two key words seemed

to be "principal" and "playing", suggesting that if you earned less than half your income from actually playing bowls, you were an amateur, and therefore eligible for selection for the Games.

Bryant and Allcock had also been denied a trip to Brisbane four years before Edinburgh. Bryant, of course, was the first self-styled bowls professional, exchanging his teaching post for a career as a bowls long ago as 1970.

Their status as nouveaux amateurs is not as clear cut as Wood's, because both, frankly, make a living out of bowls, even if they claim, with some justification, that the earn more as directors of their own companies than they do from "playing bowls". The point is that talking or writing about bowls and selling or endorsing equipment does not

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Before they were selected for Auckland, however, the two Englishmen had to state whether their "annual income from playing bowls exceeded their expenses by an excessive amount.

Bowls has shown the way ahead

Now that's an entirely dif-

Games is discussed. Everyone, in every sport, surely wants the Commonwealth Cames to be the stage

and Woods, the 1986 Games were seriously devalued in the estimation of every bowls follower. They are welcome back Surely there is an overwhelming case for sport to be

neither amateur (impossible these days) nor professional (few can earn a living playing Bowls, albeit unwittingly, may be playing a valuable pioneer ing role as sport prepares 💔

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